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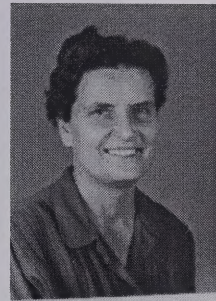
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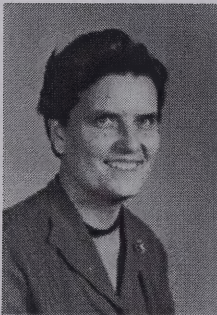
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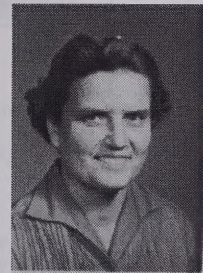
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BAY ST. LOUIS' NEW MAYOR.



ROBERT W. WEBB.

Hon. R. W. Webb, recently elected mayor of the City of Bay St. Louis, took oath of office Saturday night, and immediately held a meeting of the new Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Mr. Webb was born at Elberton, Ga., in 1872, and has resided in this city the past fourteen years, and has been identified with every interest for the uplift and advancement of the city and its people.

This is not the first time he serves the city. He served during two terms as alderman from Ward 4, and his work in bringing that ward from "out of the woods" is well known and needs no repetition here.

He was instrumental in building

the school in that ward, which bears his name today, known as the "R. W. Webb School," a worthy recognition and a monument to his progressiveness.

Mr. Webb served in the Spanish-American war, a member of the Third Tennessee, Company L., as quarter master sgt., and received an honorable discharge.

As mayor of the city of Bay St. Louis much is expected of Mr. Webb within the possibilities of limited monies and the stress of the present time. He is intensely progressive, imbued with a great degree of civic pride and his ambition for the betterment of Bay St. Louis and its people is without bounds.

WEBB SCHOOL

Appropriate ceremonies marked the formal dedication of R. W. Webb Public School in Ward 4 on a platform set under the spreading boughs of the beautiful oaks on the school grounds. The School Board had appointed Miss Edwards, principal of the school and Messrs. Craft and Ives a committee to arrange for the affair, and the success attested to the fact of how well they had labored in the cause.

The following program was rendered:

1. Song "America" by pupils of Central and Webb School
2. Welcome Address - Gladys O'Neal
3. Recitation - "Sail School" - Edwin Briggs
4. Recitation - Wena Gex
5. History of R. W. Webb School - Leo Bermond
5. Chorus "School Days" by small girls
7. Acceptance of School Building - Marie Moreau
8. Extemporaneous Remarks - Charles Moreau for School Board and
Mr. Edwin Edwards for City Council
9. Address by County Superintendent - John Craft
10. Song "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean"-pupils of both schools
11. Address of State organizer of girls clubs - Miss Susie V. Powell

Prof. Ives, Supt. of City Schools was Master of Ceremonies. The address by Mr. Craft was well received. The address by Miss Powell occupied over an hour's time, receiving the rapt attention of the large audience present.

The School Board consulting with Mayor Capdepon officially named the new building "R. W. Webb School" to be known hereafter as such. As the scope of the work of this school extends far out from the 4th ward precinct could not be given the misnomer of Fourth Ward School, and, again the honor and credit is well due the ex-alderman, Mr. R. W. Webb.

To Miss Gladys O'Neal, a pupil of the school, fell the honor of delivering the address of welcome, her delivery well justifying the honor.

WELCOME

There's a word oft repeated which never grows old, I think you can guess it before it is told; it is not "Good evening" now "How do you do?" But "Welcome, dear friends, a warm welcome to you

Our hearts bound with gladness in speaking the word,
Which has a new meaning each time it is heard.
Each friend is before us and others have come
Add to the sunshine which brightens our home.

No pleasure would be perfect or true
Unless it were shared, loving parents, by you
And now we are happy to notice the traces
Of love and approval on all your dear faces.

Beloved friends of our patrons, we welcome you all,
For there ever will be room in our school;
Our Board of Directors and Superintendents dear,
Words need not be spoken to welcome you here.

And you, honored Mayor, whose presence brings grace
To the highest as well as the lowliest place,
We gratefully thank you for shedding awhile
On the pupils of this school the light of your smile.

Though earth's fleeting pleasure live but to decay
And time will steal from us the joys of today.
The light of its memory ever will last
To brighten the future with smiles from the past.

Master Leo Bermond, bright pupil of the R. W. Webb School, delivered the following interesting history of the school, his splendid delivery adding to the interest of the recital.

SHORT HISTORY OF THE R. W. WEBB SCHOOL

The resolution leading up to the establishment of this school in the year 1912 was offered by Mr. R. W. Webb, then alderman from the Fourth Ward, and seconded by Mr. George C. Firaching and supported by Alderman C. C. Gray, associate members.

The resolution provided for a bond issue of \$50,000.00 for civic improvements - namely to fill in caving banks and other like charges. In addition the resolution provided for the establishment of a public school to be located somewhere in the Fourth Ward. Expenses for the establishment of said school to be included in the original bond issue.

In accordance with the resolution the bond commissioners, in whose hand the work was entrusted, set about to complete their task. Plans and specifications were drawn and bids received, and after the acceptance of the plans of Architect John Henry, the contract to erect the building was awarded to Mr. G. Gardebled. After several weeks of work the building was completed and received, officially August 2, 1913. Then the Board of School Trustees selected the furniture, and after furnishing the building with necessary furniture it was ready for the school session of 1913-14. School opened on Sept. 15, 1913, with an enrollment of only 25, but the enrollment grew steadily. At the close of the first month it had reached 70 and later numbered 97.

But since one swallow does not make a summer, so four walls with desks and benches do not make a school, so we set about to add what had been given us. With the proceeds of a penny party given on the Klock Hotel Lawn we purchased pictures, a globe, perception cards, numerous frames, (Oh, yes! and a football), construction paper and other necessary things.

The closing exercise of R. W. Webb Public School was a splendid success. Under the direction of Miss M. H. Edwards, Principal, and Miss Ansley, Assistant, the large audience enjoyed the varied and interesting program. Mrs. Will T. McDonald was in charge of the musical numbers. The program was preceded by a talk from Miss Edwards who begged the indulgence of the audience for her program and its rendition following so closely and in contrast to the excellent entertainment by the pupils of Central School on Friday night and members of the graduating class on Monday night, but the excellent rendition of her program and its splendid character surely needed no apology. On the contrary, it showed such results that only could emanate from a school where efficiency was the watchword. It showed too where harmony between pupil and teacher means all that such a happy condition could imply, and where the fixed purpose for an ideal school for boy and girl had taken root and prospered.

The program by the pupils was interspersed with two vocal numbers by Mrs. Robert G. Krump, vocalist and patron of the school - numbers that were well received. Mrs. Will McDonald, pianist, who had trained the young voices and drilled them in several choruses, proved of invaluable aid to the success of the program.

As an unannounced surprise Miss Edwards was presented a gold bar pin by the students. After her surprise the donee expressed her profound thanks for the thoughtfulness. She said she would ever cherish the gift and the spirit which prompted the children into action. A reading of the list of promotions followed. Then it was announced that "a something" not on the program would follow. And welcome it was on a warm afternoon: delicious cooling orange punch served with cakes. These were passed through the audience and enjoyed by one and all, needless to say.

The high mark of success which has characterized this, the first season of the school is due to the ability and earnestness of the teachers. Their appointment to the same charge next year by the Board of Trustees is an approval and confirms their good work.

The enrollment of the R. W. Webb School was 24 and rose to 97. Next year the building will be too small and another teacher necessary.

Mr. Webb was a native of Georgia, age 53 years and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past twenty years or more. He was a traveling salesman along the Mississippi Gulf Coast for many years, and as this took only part of his time he was able to serve the city between times. For over ten years, when he resided in Ward 3, he served as Alderman. It was through his instrumentality that the Webb School was built in that Ward. In compliment of his untiring energy in getting the school it was named R. W. Webb School for him. On June 8, 1911 a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for Fifty Thousand dollars to improve streets of city and purchasing a suitable lot and building thereon an additional public school building to be erected in the 4th ward of the city. It was a two story wooden structure erected and equipped in 1912 at cost of \$4,300.00. The school was accepted officially on August 2, 1913. School opened on September 15, 1913 with an enrollment of 25. At the close of the first month it reached 70- and then later it reached 97. Miss May Edwards and Miss Gussie Ansley were the first principal and assistant appointed as teachers.

Later, Mr. Webb moved into Ward 1. He ran for Mayor and was elected. He was serving his fourth consecutive term and would have rounded the full eight years had he lived until the next February.

Mayor Webb was most progressive and active during his tenure of office. He helped bring the city forth and put it in front rank with other cities.

A second seawall bill had been enacted in 1916 following the devastating 1915 hurricane.

During R. W. Webb's administration, a bond issue of \$100, 000 was passed, secured by assessments on beach properties. Some property owners would not sign, so the two-mile long seawall was built in sections.

Mayor Webb was most active in building the sea wall for the city of Bay St. Louis. When the bids were authorized and no sale was to be found for the issue, he went into the open market personally and sold the bonds dollar for dollar. The wall was built, the first of its kind built on the coast. It might well be said that "He was the Father of the Sea Wall".

As Mayor he proposed privatizing the city water works, buying the Charles Sanger system for \$92,000. Then the city had installed the standpipe system with pure drinking water and other protection from fire.

At the time of his death he was keenly interested in the program of hard paving the city's streets and he worked diligently with the Board of Supervisors and in planning for the paving program then in hand

The death of Mayor Robert W. Webb at his home on Carroll Avenue on Saturday, May 30, 1925 was received over the city with genuine regret. It was a shock to many who knew and loved him for his excellent traits of character, both as a man and as public official. He had been a sufferer from acute high blood pressure for some time and he died from a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was survived by his widow, Anita Toca Webb.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Father A. J. Gmelch of the Catholic Church officiated at the house and cemetery. Burial took place at Cedar Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Webb was known as a man without enemies. This was best proven by the funeral as it was attended by a great outpouring of the masses. The wealth of flowers spoke silently but eloquently of the high esteem which the deceased was held and the deep sorrow felt for his demise.

In looking through the Sea Coast Echo papers I found some things that I thought might be interesting to someone who read the History of R. W. Webb School.

In 1920 the Mothers Club of Central School was organized at the instigation of Miss Celene Fayard. Mrs. E. J. Gex was the first President.

On March 24, 1923 the total cost of teacher's pay per month was \$1,395.00. The teachers pay at R. W. Webb School was \$80.00 for the principal and \$60 for the assistants.

In the 1930-31 session one hundred thirty pupils were enrolled. In former years sixty to seventy were enrolled. In that year three teachers were used instead of two as formerly. Mrs. Fred Wright was principal.

On March 3, 1949 the Webb School Lunch Room was discussed by the School Board. On March 31, 1949 it was decided that there was ample room for a lunchroom on the ground floor. So, on June 15, 1949 the lunchroom was constructed. In addition the building was re-roofed, guttered, screened, and painted.

On May 17, 1956, the Board of Trustees of Bay St. Louis Municipal School District accepted the application of Waveland Municipal School District to become part of Bay St. Louis Municipal Districts.

On April 11, 1960 the sale of Webb and Taylor schools was discussed. The teachers at these schools had been moved to the S. J. Ingram building across the street from the old Bay High School.

In 1983-1984 the empty building was used by the Historical Society as their meeting place.

SCHOOL CHILDREN CONTRIBUTE TO WAR VICTIMS IN BELIUM

The children of Webb School have sent a neat sum of cash through their principal Miss M. H. Edwards to Belgium relief fund at New Orleans. The amount was realized through the efforts of teachers and pupils.

Everyone contributed his or her mite, from a penny up, and the result was indeed a most agreeable surprise. Miss Edwards forwarded the total mount to Mrs. Denegre, in charge of the fund in New Orleans.

CONSULTANT DE BELIZUE

New Orleans, Nov. 16, 1914

Dear Miss Edwards,

I want to address my hearty thanks to you and the dear children whose generosity and kindness will help and save some of our poor homeless Belgians, widows, and orphans, for splendid contributions sent by them to relief work organized by Mrs. G. Denegre.

Accept assurance of my deepest appreciation, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. Walle

HONOR ROLL - WEBB SCHOOL-December 2, 1916

1st Grade: Leo Harris, Irving Higgins, Vera Schwall, Harold Seube, Oscar Bone, Ray Craft.

2nd Grade: Ethel Farve, Mathilde Ladner, Marius Zeigler, Charles Fayard.

3rd Grade: John Egloff, Arthur Tomasich, Harold Schwall.

4th Grade: Eleonore Fayard, Mable Ladner.

5th Grade: Mable Ladner, Joseph Farve, Matthew Kennedy, and Pearl Strather.

WEBB SCHOOL WHISPERINGS

Oh, yes, we're doing business at the same old stand. You haven't heard from us and possible that's why the trustees haven't been to see us. But we're taking this means of letting them and you know that we're right here doing our "bit".

The pupils of the Primer Class gave a very interesting Thanksgiving program Wednesday. Big fat turkeys strutted about among the patrons and friends of the Primer Class, bidding them "Welcome: on Wednesday, at 11 A.M. We were glad to see so many visitors and their faces showed that they enjoyed the program. Miss Hymel and her pupils deserve credit. We were especially glad to have Mr. French. This was his first visit, but we hope he'll come again. We enjoyed the talks made by him and Mr. Craft.

I know that no one had a happier Thanksgiving than we did. May we tell you why? All week we were busy collecting for our usual Thanksgiving basket. Our teacher had given us permission to get up this Thanksgiving basket for the family of a man who is unable to work. Then came the fun of doing our own buying, decorating our own basket and packing the things. But the best part of it was carrying it to the poor, sick man who had to stay in bed for many weeks and cannot work. Now, that is why our Thanksgiving was so happy.

Our examinations are over and we are glad. Most of us passed.

Good-bye, until next week.

Mattie Hale, 5th Grade

SCE: 1917

WEBB SCHOOL NOTES

Since you last heard from us we have become an auxiliary of the Red Cross, have a banner, have learned to sew and boys and girls are learning to knit.

We are glad to have Ruby back. Ruby says she doesn't know why she has been absent so long.

Miss Hymal's room has enrolled a new pupil - Billie Stone, of Toledo, Ohio.

Billie is a dear little boy, just from the Montessori school.

After an English lesson we were asked to name some one whom we considered a gentleman and give our reasons. This is Laura's: "I think Mr. Talbert is a gentleman because he is kind, polite, neat and is always busy. Mr. Talbert is a brave, self-respecting man and respects others." We wonder if Mr. Moreau would publish all of our papers.

We will tell you next week who won the prize in reading.

Onita Bermond, Fifth Grade

Sce: 1917

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Misses Edwards and Briggs announce opening of their Summer School on Monday, June 4th in Central School Building. Terms as follows (including entire grade work) per month.

Primary grades \$3.00; 4th and 5th grades \$5.00; 6th and 7th grades \$7.00; High School Grades \$10.00.

SPECIAL SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Editor Sea Coast Echo:

Relative to the two new subjects for teachers' examinations which under the law go into effect in September, 1917, the State Superintendent has ruled that all first-grade teachers in the public scholastic year 1917-18 must hold licenses based upon the twelve subjects that have been heretofore given for this license and also the two new subjects, "Theory and Practice of Teaching" and "Elementary Algebra". The law provides that exempt teachers are not required to take an examination in these new subjects.

These two subjects will be given at the April examinations so that all applicants for first-grade licenses desiring to take an examination on them at that time may have an opportunity to do so.

Of course, teachers who are not prepared to take an examination at that time will have an opportunity to take them at the close of the summer normals and also in the county examination next September.

The examinations in "Theory and Practice of Teaching" will be based on Kennedy's Fundamentals in Methods," published by McMillan Company, Atlanta, Ga. The examination in elementary algebra will be based upon Wentworth-Smith's School Algebra Book 1, published by Ginn and Co., Atlanta, Ga. Both of these books may be obtained from the Southern SchoolBook Depository, at Jackson, Miss.

The examination for second grade license under the new law will cover the twelve subjects, which has formerly been given for the first grade license.

Respectfully,
John Craft, County Superintendent Ed.

NEWS NOTES FROM R. W. WEBB SCHOOL

The Willing Workers held their first public meeting of this session on Thursday, January 25th, at 3:45 p.m., with the following named officers: Pearl Strocher, president; Louis Sellers, vice president; Laura Schwall, secretary; Mabel Ladner, treasurer. Roll call was responded to by miscellaneous quotations, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

There were no reports from the committees in charge of the yard and rooms.

The program committee announces the program for the next two meetings, as follows:
Subject for February 2nd;

“The Cultivation of Sugar, Cane and Sugar Beets,” Esther Ladner.

“How Sugar is Made,” Oswald Favre.

Recitation, Ruby Combel.

Program for February 9, to be furnished by pupils of Miss Briggs’ room.

The treasurer’s report read: Amount paid in dues, \$2.15. Amount spent for flower seed, 25@. Balance in the treasury, \$1.90.

Mrs. Keen was elected an honorary member.

The subject for the afternoon was Japan, and the program rendered as follows:

Club Song - “Somebody,” by the Club.

Paper - Japan, Its People and Their Customs, Mattie Hale.

Reading from Fuzz in Japan; How Fuzz Learns, Bessie Sellers.

Paper, Japan, Its Products, Eleonore Fayard.

Song-Maga Chau of Japan, by the Club.

Piano Solo -Cowslip, Loyd Basford.

At the close of the program light refreshments were served.

The meeting adjourned to meet Friday, February 2nd, 1917.

Laura Schwall, Sec’y

COST OF SCHOOLS TO TAX- PAYERS OF THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS

School Fund - 1916-17

Cash on hand, Sept 1, 1916	203.71
State distribution -Oct	1070.88
“ “ -Jan	2134.01
City taxes,	4196.41
Poll taxes	635.86
Tuition paid by county pupils	75.33
Other tuition	15.00
Total	8331.20

Expenditures

White teachers	5673.00
Colored teachers	1935.00
Sundries	913.00
Overdrawn	172.30
Total	8331.79

APPROXIMATE COST PER PUPIL PER YEAR.

Miss Edwards' Room - Enrollment, 39, attendance, 19.6; per cent, 50; cost per pupil, \$29.79

Miss Cazeneuve's Room - Enrollment 38, attendance, 28; per cent, 76; cost per pupil \$18.50

Miss Gresham's Room-Enrollment, 51; attendance, 31.7; per cent 62; cost per pupil, \$17.06

Miss Briggs Room - Enrollment 60; attendance 33.5; per cent, 55; cost per pupil, \$12.90.

Miss Attaway's Room - Enrollment, 44; attendance, 31.4; per cent, 71; cost \$11.10.

Miss Fayard's Room - Enrollment, 74; attendance 42.2 per cent, 55; cost per pupil, \$10.60.

Miss Sylvester's Room - Enrollment, 57, attendance, 38.8; per cent, 68; cost per pupil, \$9.50

High School Dept, Messrs. Talbert,

HANCOCK TEACHERS TO CONVENE IN BAY ST. LOUIS, SEPTEMBER 29, 1918

The teachers of the entire county will meet at the Court House, in this city, on Saturday, September 29 and it is to be hoped that every teacher in the county will be present on that day and help to make it a big rally day for our county. Not only teachers are urged to be present, but the public is cordially invited to attend as well. We can make meetings of this kind more interesting and more profitable by showing interest ourselves and as the first meeting of the year will be held in our town, we should show our appreciation of this by coming out and being present on this occasion. It will show the teacher that we are interested in them and their work and thereby will be a means of encouraging them in the great work of which they are engaged. Everybody should turn out to meetings of this kind. Not only parents, pupils and trustees but businessmen as well. Of course no teachers can be expected to be absent because this is valuable part of their work and to this and even more, the question is, Will you help your bit to make it a success? No meeting can amount to much without the proper spirit, the proper motive and surely the teachers' meet embraces all of this and even more. This will be a very important assembly for the reason that it will be for the first time this year that the teachers will have a chance to meet with one another in a body of this kind and then again plans will be discussed for the ensuing year's work, and besides, the officers of the association will be elected to serve for the present school year. The teaching force is a great body of co-workers, working together, and it is through meeting of this kind that they can better "cooperate together". The 29th will be "pay day" for nearly all the teachers and besides being able to attend the meeting they will also be able to get their pay for the first month work on the same day.

WEB SCHOOL WHISPERINGS

1. Does anyone want to take singing lessons? Just let them come over to our opening exercises some morning.
2. We were honored last week with a visit from Miss Bryan of Palmer Penmanship School. She complimented us highly on our penmanship. We have been smiling since.
3. Everyone is buying thrift stamps.
4. Mr. Talbert is busy keeping us supplied with stamps. We'll be rich someday.
5. We will be glad to have our friends come out and support us on Arbor Day on January 25th.
6. Rev. H. C. Roberts visited us Thursday morning and talked to us. "Be strong", he said, "be strong in mind, body and soul." We hope he will come again

Mabel Ladner, 5th Grade

BAY ST. LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Senior entertainment for the benefit of the Junior Auxiliary was a success financially and otherwise. We are now able to buy material for a few more layettes, as we took in \$23.15.

Mr. Mallard and Mrs. Jenks have donated material toward making other layettes, for which we are very grateful.

Elsie Day, one of our Juniors, has left. She is teaching at Dillville.

The Sophomore Class has also lost one of its members, Willie Walters, who is taking a course in wireless.

Miss Cazeneuve, In English class:-"Miss Wena Gex, read a sentence and gave its construction.

Wena" and then recovering, she gently pressed HIS hand."

Miss Cazeneuve - "Why, Wens, it is HER hand in my book"

Question: Why can't Wena read straight sometime?

On Friday, April 26th, the Sophomores expect to have a penny party for the benefit of their Junior Auxiliary. This party will be very entertaining. We will also have delicious refreshments to sell. Be sure to come prepared to spend "a lot" with us. We promise to give you a good time.

Pupils of the grammar grades are busy preparing for the annual closing exercises which will take place next month.

Ethel Gex, Class '18

CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTES - By the Pupils

. The nineteen seventeen-eighteen session of the Bay High School started on Monday, September third, 1918, with a very large attendance

It was one of the most interesting opening exercises that we have ever had. Besides many of our parents, all of our trustees were present, Messrs. Howe, Kergosien, Gex, von Gohren, Clifford and Whitfield made very interesting talks.

The Seniors have organized their class, electing Miss Ella Fayard, president, Miss Wena Gex, secretary and treasurer and Miss Louis Mallard, artist. The other classes have not organized yet, but probably will next week.

The High school department welcomes a new teacher, Miss G. Cazeneuve. We all like her lots, too, but don't tell her.

Do you remember when you were a Freshman, how you felt? Well there are twelve people up here, feeling just that way. (Poor little things). It's so hard to remember, that one bell does not mean to jump up and race into the English room. But never mind they learn - some day, maybe.

There are two new teachers in the Grammar grades, Miss Boyer and Miss Smith.

PICTURE SHOWS IN HANCOCK SCHOOLS IS BIG INNOVATION

Interesting work carried on by the Home Demonstrating Agent, Miss Sallie Cirlot, and by the County Agent, Frank B. Pittmann

Series of Agricultural and Educational Picture Shows at the Various County Schools.

A series of agricultural and educational picture shows have been given to Hancock County at the various schools. These have been well attended and a great deal of enthusiasm has been displayed. This is a healthy manifestation and speaks well for the pupils.

The pictures on school consolidation met with approval everywhere. The various consolidated schools in the county that are trying to affiliate themselves for the Federal appropriation took special interest in the model plans of school consolidation showing the playgrounds, teachers' homes, school gardens, the orchard, poultry yard, piggery and dairy barn. Several pictures were shown of the advancement of the consolidated schools of the county.

Every school in Hancock County is given the privilege of one of these shows, as they are given free, and everyone is taking advantage of them.

The pictures of live stock, cattle, horses, sheep and hogs were thoroughly appreciated by everyone. Great interest was displayed in that line, and proved encouraging to those in charge.

All the pictures shown of the various work of County Agent Frank B. Pittmann and County Demonstration Agent Sallie Cirlot gave the people a broader vision of the work and the different phases of the educational agricultural and constructive work which they have been doing over Hancock County and for Hancock county people.

SCE 1919

Pupils of the Webb School will give a May Day Festival on next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, on the school house grounds, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The program will include a May-Pole-Dance. Miss Edwards, assisted by Miss Boggs, has been working indefatigably during recess hours training the boys and girls who will participate in the exercises, and the affair promises well. Your presence will add to the success of the afternoon. No admission price, however, there will be a small charge for refreshments, benefit piano fund.

SCE 1919

R. W. WEBB SCHOOL ELATED OVER WINNING CUP

Edwin Marquez in Field Day Meet Scores With 100 Per Cent Paper-Easter Egg hunt.

The pupils, teachers and patrons feel very much elated over the fact of having won the beautiful loving cup awarded by the Merchants Bank and Trust Co. to the grammar school winning the most points in the annual county field meet. We hope to do better work in the future and win it again in the next two meets, thereby keeping it in our school

Edwin Marquez, of the fourth grade, was one of the two pupils in the county to hand in a perfect paper. He made 100 in the arithmetic test.

On next Friday afternoon, at 3:15, the Webb P. T. S. will give an Easter egg hunt on Mrs. K. W. Pepperdine's lawn. A prize will be given the child finding the most eggs.

Admission, ten cents

R. W. Webb P. T. S. is planning to be well represented at the county convention to be held at Kiln on March 28, 1925.

SCE 1919

'BEAUTIFUL BAY ST. LOUIS'

From The Mississippian, August, 1919

Formerly known as the town of Shieldboro, this lovely little city, being only 51 miles from New Orleans, is the favorite summer resort for the wealthiest and most aristocratic inhabitants of the great Southern metropolis.

We could well compare this Eden of health and picturesqueness to a richly colored flower, spreading glowing petals North, South, East and West. When sunshine bathes it in splendor or storm's fierce swirl drops its smoked silver veil, it claims the indisputable right to be called "Beautiful Bay St. Louis."

The beach, gilded by nature and embellished by man, extending upward three miles or more from the center of the Bay, winds gracefully into a verdurous point adorned by cedars; running downward from the center four miles terminates at the traditional Jackson House, where tall grasses pierce the earth with emerald blades and radiance flings through aged trees, with heavily-leafed nodding gaily turbaned heads over crumbling banks.

Seven miles in length, this driveway, with its grand sea view, its glistening beach, with richly-colored ribboned edge, lending effulgence to its snowy surface, its magnificent and ideal summer residences imbedded in gardens, where various blossoms peep from foliage or lean caressing about columns supported arched roofs and sprigging wreaths of vines past luster over wide lawns, is the most delightful along the Coast.

When twilight tends mystic light it presents a gala sight; fine turnouts bearing animated youth and beauty, children building houses of sand or chasing the last sunbeam of the dying day, skiffs with dainty occupants riding over the waves, boats with spreading wings sailing to and from, gay songs of fishermen chiming in the swish, swash, lip-lapping, of the billowy sea; bathers in blue and white costumes, combine to render it alluringly attractive. At night when the moon's resplendence throws silvery pathways leading athwart the rippling waters to the horizon piled with fleecy hills, holding blooms of light about misty

valleys that circle the regent of night, while in reflection glow a million torches spring from vales 'mid sapphire glow, it is Venice.

Awake at dawn and view the birth of day, unfolding the first glance of old Sol. Watch his eyes shoot forth billion of olden beams, that sweep along in thread lines of pale amber over the meadows and woodland, that stud every hill, valley and glen, with gems of brilliant hue, and a world of beauty lies before us.

Union Street, one of the principal thoroughfares, leads directly from the beach, commonly termed Front Street, to the depot of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The station is large and airy and looks out upon a broad stretch of woodland fragrant with the breath of pine, sloping lanes, canopied here and there by locust trees dropping sweet scented blossoms and houses resting in rustic bowers.

Bay St. Louis was entered by Iberville and its banks settled upon by a French colony nearly 200 years ago. The explorers found a beautiful sheet of water, two miles wide at its mouth, and expanding as it stretched toward the interior, between its forest clad borders. It received the tributary waters of three streams, the Boisdore, Portage and Wolfe rivers of our day, and the Jourdan river on the westward side. It is said by old residents of Bay St. Louis that pirate Lafitte used to hide his treasurer in Wolfe River. Many times the banks of the stream have been dug up at such places as the dreams of the diggers would indicate, and even at this decent date one can find earth newly turned on the banks of the river Wolfe.

The town of Bay St. Louis is situated on a comparatively elevated plateau of an area of approximately 30 square miles that juts out as a peninsular into the western side of Bay St. Louis. It is separated from the mainland on the north by the Jourdan river, washed on the south by the waters of the Mississippi Sound, and fronts eastward on Bay St. Louis. The land of this peninsular is from ten to twenty feet above sea level. As far back as tradition goes this immediate section was used by the Choctaws, Chickasaws, Alabamans and other Indian tribes as a health resort, and it was even visited by the remote Natchez tribe. It is now and has been for a number of years the favorite resort for New Orleans people, for it is only fifty-one miles from New Orleans. All during the summer months regattas are held at Bay St. Louis and yachts sail from New Orleans, Mobile and Pensacola to participate in them. There are good hotels at Bay St. Louis and some of the finest fishing on the Gulf coast can be found at the mouths of the Jourdan and Wolfe rivers.

Bay St. Louis, Miss., has a population of about 5,000. Bonds had just been issued to the amount of \$50,000.00 for the improvement of all streets, particularly the driveway along the Bay shore. The same amount of bonds have also been issued by the county for the improvement of the public roads and highways throughout the county. Bay St. Louis owns a handsome city hall, a two-story brick structure. The town is five miles in length, by two miles in width.

The waters of the St. Roch Mineral Springs are famous for the cure of stomach, bladder and kidney troubles. They have been analyzed by noted chemist, and found to contain the necessary minerals for the cure of these troubles. These springs are located on the outskirts of Bay St. Louis. The waters being shipped throughout the United States, and even into Canada.

There is a movement on foot for the building of an automobile roadway between New Orleans and Bay St. Louis. The road is already constructed as far as Pearlinton from the Bay and as far as Chef Menteur from New Orleans, with a ferry at the Rigolets, this highway would be in great demand.

R. W. WEBB SCHOOL TEACHERS

Miss Gussie Ansley
Verna Berry
Julia Blaize
Lyda Boyd Blount
Miss May Colson
Catherine Cryer
Olga van Drozkowsky
Miss Mae Edwards
Thelma Eaton
Mrs. Grace Hulsey
Della Hymel
Winnie Lee King
Thelma Kergosien
Miss Nina Ladner
Mrs. Lauren Lacoste
Mrs. Beatrice Ladner
Elizabeth Lindsey
Mildred Magee
Edith Joyce Magee
Miss Murray
Mrs. Nora Perkins
Miss Porter
Miss Joyce Redding
Miss Pauline Russ
Louvenia Saucier
Miss Jessie Saliba
Miss Frances Scafidi
Katherine Simmons
Mrs. Carl Smith
Yvonne H. Strief
Mary Lou Stuart
Mrs. Carmolite Sportono
Miss Ethel Sylvester
Mrs. W. W. Stockstill
Loretta Smith
Dorothy Tudury
Mrs. Louvergne Temple
Mrs. Warren Traub
Patricia Turnipseed

Miss Helen Vaughn
Mrs. Enceline Wadlow
Mildred Wheat
Mrs. Fred Wright

This list of teachers may be incomplete because records could not be found

ADDRESSES DELIVERED AT R. W. WEBB SCHOOL EXERCISES

On the Occasion of the Dedication of the Building on Friday of Last Week — Address of Welcome Delivered by Gladys O'Neal and History of the School by Leo Bermond — Address of Acceptance by Marie Louise Moreau.

Owing to lack of room and want of proper time The Echo last Saturday in its report of the dedication of the R. W. Webb Public School, which took place Friday afternoon of last week, was unable to publish the addresses of the school pupils delivered on the occasion, which we herewith present. The exercises comprising the dedicatory ceremonies, and including the addresses of Prof. John Craft, county superintendent, and Miss Susie V. Powell, State organizer of girls' clubs, were of an interesting nature and celebrated an epoch in the educational history of Bay St. Louis.

To Miss Gladys O'Neal, pupil of the school, fell the honor of delivering the address of welcome, her delivery well justifying the honor.

WELCOME.

There's a word oft repeated which never grows old,—

I think you can guess it before it is told;
It is not "Good evening," now "How do you do?"

But "Welcome," dear friends; a warm welcome to you.

Our hearts bound with gladness in speaking the word,
Which has a new meaning each time it is heard.

Each friends are before us and others have come
add to the sunshine which brightens our home.

No pleasure would be perfect or true
Unless it were shared, loving parents,
by you;

And now we are happy to welcome the

benches do not make a school, and so we set about to add to what had been given us. With the proceeds of a penny party given on the Klock Hotel lawn we purchased pictures, a globe, perception cards, numeral frame, (Ob, yes! and a football), construction paper and other necessary things.

Near the close of this, the R. W. Webb School's first session, we can say the city has builded well and we know a more interesting chapter can be added to the history of the R. W. Webb School by the close of its next session.

Miss Marie Louise Moreau, Class '15, Bay High School, delivered the address of acceptance in behalf of the Board of School Trustees, as follows:

ADDRESS OF ACCEPTANCE.

Ladies and Gentlemen and School Companions:—In behalf of the Board of School Trustees of the city of Bay St. Louis, I have the honor and pleasure of formally accepting for the city of Bay St. Louis this beautiful building, built by the Honorable Board of Bond Commissioners.

This building and the success of the work carried on within its walls stand for much, and as a monument to the cause of education and all that the term implies in an advance community, typifies the rapid advancement of Bay St. Louis and its people for the things that are higher and better.

That the Bond Commissioners have built well is evident. Their work has been well carried out, and of so lasting a character, that it calls for an expansion in the near future, of more room and more teachers. And this in face of the fact that an additional public school located in this part of the city, at the time of its building, was generally termed an experiment and predicted by some to prove a failure.

But thanks to the far-seeing mind of Alderman R. W. Webb, who evolved the idea of building the school, assisted in the subsequent work by Aldermen George C. Firsching and C. C. Gray and their associates on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

In conclusion, and in dedication for the School Board of Trustees, I accept for the city of Bay St. Louis and its people this magnificent public gift.

May it prove a lasting heritage to the generations to come!

HISTORY OF SCHOOLS OF CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS DATES BACK TO 1893

Public Education in Hancock County Dates Back to 1870
When a County Superintendent of Education Was First
Appointed—In 1884 Set of Uniform Text Books
Were Ordered by Board of Supervisors.

THE official record of public education in Hancock county begins with the appointment in 1870 of a county superintendent of education. He was Mr. J. J. Bradford.

In 1884 the records of the Board of Supervisors show that a meeting was ordered for July 7 at Gainesville to adopt uniform text books. These included McGuffey's Readers and Spellers.

Mr. George Holcomb, County Superintendent in 1890 stated there were seven one teacher schools along the coast at that time. Aided by Hon. Eaton J. Bowers he succeeded in centralizing these and one was placed at Waveland and one at Bay St. Louis.

In 1893, Mayor John V. Toulme, set aside \$3,800.00 out of the meager revenues of the city for the purpose of erecting a two story frame school building. An annex was built in the



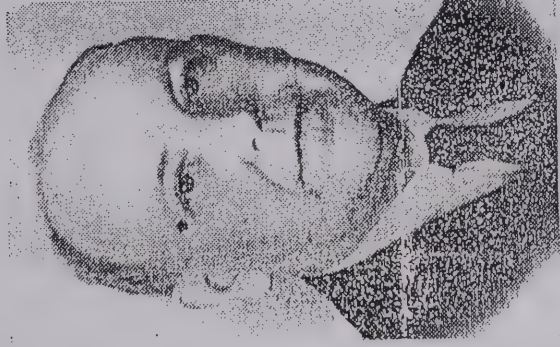
It was in 1906 at the end of Mr. Trawick's tenure that the Board of Trustees were regularly organized with the following members: W. J. Chapman, president; A. L. Stokoe, W. A. McDonald, Jos. E. Saucier, and Alcide Moran. From this time on complete records of the minutes of board were kept and a thirty-five year account of school affairs is thus on file in the office of Bay High.

In 1913, due to the activities of Mr. R. W. Webb, alderman for the fourth ward, a rider was tacked on to the general bond fund, for an elementary school. The school was named after Mr. Webb, and cost \$4,130.00. For many years it was a two-teacher school with five grades, but at present has only one teacher and three grades.

Alderman R. W. Taylor undertook the establishment of a primary school in the other end of town and in 1915 a small frame building was erected on Leonhard avenue at a cost of \$1,000. Mrs. W. W. Stockstill has been in charge there for a number of years and teaches three grades at Taylor School.

The colored school was first built in 1906—a two-story frame building—and was in use until replaced in 1939 by a modern eight room

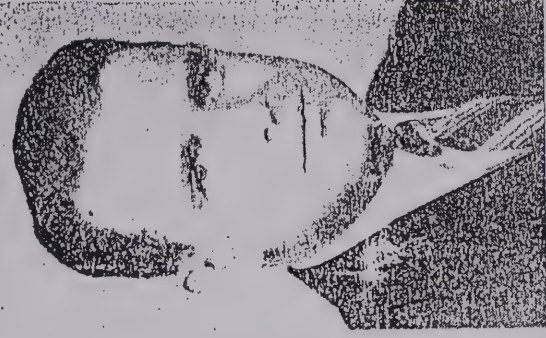
Members City School Board of Trustees, City of Bay Saint Louis



DR. JAMES A. EVANS



MRS. C. C. McDONALD



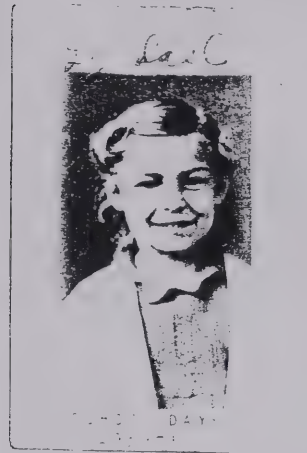
WALTER J. GEX



Mr. M. L. Ansley, Mr. S. L. Toquet, Mr. Charles J. Mitchell, and Mr. Donald Marshall. The last five named were serving on the board at the time the new brick building was erected in 1926 to replace the frame one built more than thirty years before.

Bay High School has one of the most modern and up-to-date school plants in the state. Several major additions were completed between 1937 and 1941. The plant includes class rooms for twelve grades, offices, a large auditorium, and gymnasium, a music room, a band department, home economics department, and cafeteria. It is a credit to the community.

LYNDALL HEITZMANN SPERRY - Lync. also



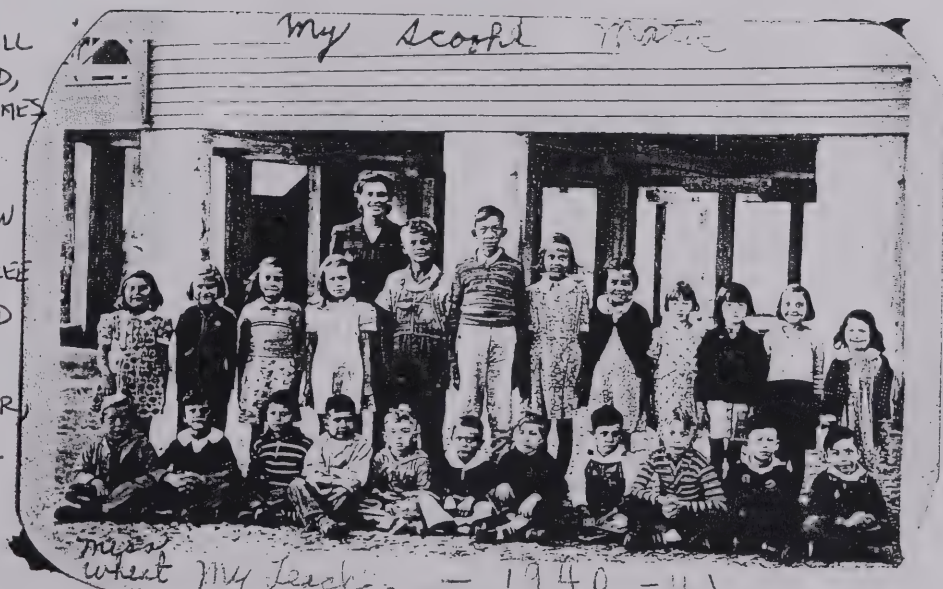
MY DADDY'S TRUCK ALBERT "BUBBA" HEITZMANN, JR.
Webb School Street



GIRL ON LEFT IS A STRONG
GIRL. DO NOT RECALL FIRST NAME, LIVED ON BALLENTINE ST.

BACK ROW: STANDING STARTING
ON LEFT.

AURDEY BENINIGO, "ME" LYNDALL
HEITZMANN, CLAIRE RAYMOND,
NEXT FIVE DO NOT RECALL NAMES
GENE EYE STRONG, WILMA
CARVER, JOYCE BROWN,
ELISE STRONG, SEATED ON
YARD:
ALVA CRUTEHFIELD, NEXT THREE
DO NOT RECALL NAMES, EDMOND
TOMASICH, NEXT TWO DO NOT
RECALL NAMES, VERNON PARKER,
LAST THREE DO NOT RECALL
NAMES.



MY TEACHER WAS MILDRED WHEAT, IN BACK ROW.
THIS WAS SIDE PICTURE OF WEBB SCHOOL.

PICTURE SHOWS IN HANCOCK SCHOOLS IS BIG INNOVATION.

(1919)

Interesting Work Carried on by the
Home Demonstrating Agent,
Miss Sallie Cirlot, and

BY THE COUNTY AGENT, FRANK
B. PITTMANN.

Series of Agricultural and Educational
Picture Shows at the Various
County Schools.

A series of agricultural and educational picture shows have been given in Hancock county at the various schools. These have been well attended and a great deal of enthusiasm has been displayed. This is a healthy manifestation and speaks well for the pupils.

The pictures on school consolidation met with approval everywhere. The various consolidated schools in the county that are trying to affiliate themselves for the Federal appropriation took special interest in the model plans of school consolidation, showing the playgrounds, teachers' homes, school gardens, the orchard, poultry yard, piggery and dairy barn. Several pictures were shown of the advancement of the consolidated schools of the county.

Every school in Hancock County is given the privilege of one of these shows, as they are given free, and everyone is taking advantage of them.

The pictures of live stock, cattle, horses, sheep and hogs were thoroughly appreciated by everyone. Great interest was displayed in that line, and proved encouraging to those in charge.

All the pictures shown of the various work of County Agent Frank B. Pittmann and County Demonstra-

tion Agent Sallie Cirlot gave the people a broader vision of the work and the different phases of the educational, agricultural and constructive work which they have been doing over Hancock county and for Hancock county people.

1919

Pupils of the Webb School will give a May Day Festival on next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, on the school house grounds, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The program will include a May-pole dance. Miss Edwards, assisted by Miss Briggs, has been working indefatigably during recess hours training the boys and girls who will participate in the exercises, and the affair promises well. Your presence will add to the success of the afternoon. No admission price, however, there will be a small charge for refreshments, benefit piano fund.

R. W. WEBB SCHOOL ELATED OVER WINNING CUP.

(1919)

Edwin Marquez in Field Day Meet
Scores With 100 Per Cent Paper.
Easter Egg Hunt Next Friday.

The pupils, teachers and patrons feel very much elated over the fact of having won the beautiful loving cup awarded by the Merchants Bank and Trust Co. to the grammar school winning the most points in the annual county field meet. We hope to do better work in the future and win it again in the next two meets, thereby keeping it in our school.

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Edwin Marquez, of the fourth grade, was one of the two pupils in the county to hand in a perfect paper. He made 100 in the arithmetic test.

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On next Friday afternoon, at 3:15, the Webb P. T. A. will give an Easter egg hunt on Mrs. K. W. Pepperdine's lawn. A prize will be given the child finding the most eggs. Admission, ten cents.

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R. W. Webb P. T. A. is planning to be well represented at the county convention to be held at Kiln on March 28, 1925.

HANCOCK COUNTY TO HOLD ANNUAL FAIR THE COMING WEEK.

Bay St. Louis, the County Seat, Will
Be the Scene of Two-Day Ex-
hibit—Many Features to Be
Presented This Year.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS WILL DE-
LIVER ADDRESSES.

Spirit of Rivalry Between Schools
Over the Community Agricul-
tural Exhibit Is Noted—Com-
mercial Exhibits, Too.

The Hancock County Fair Commit-
tee is pleased to report the increased
interest of the county fair throughout
the county.

The visits of the committee to the
schools and communities has given re-
newed enthusiasm and it is now our
expectation that we are going to have
the largest and most successful county
fair that has ever been held in
the county.

The spirit of rivalry between the
schools over the community agricul-
tural exhibit offered through the
schools is very gratifying to the com-
mittee for they feel that this is to be
one of the greatest features of the
fair.

COMMUNITY EXHIBITS WILL AT-
TRACT ATTENTION.

This community exhibit is being
presented through the organizations
that the teachers have perfected
throughout the county. The farming
people are responding most favora-
bly and are putting forth every ef-
fort to prove that their community is
the outstanding community in the
county.

The commercial exhibits will with-
out doubt prove to be very interesting
and entertaining. This feature of the
fair promises as the outstanding one
as the business concerns that have
promoted the county fair each year
will be represented. The Echo last
week published a list of names re-
presenting a number of the prospec-
tive visitors.

HON. CARL MARSHALL TO DE- LIVER ADDRESS.

It is with pleasure that the commit-
tee announces that they were partic-
ularly fortunate in securing Hon. Carl
Marshall, of Bay St. Louis to deliver
on address on the first day of the fair
—Thursday, October 7th. Mr. Mar-
shall will deliver the opening ad-
dress. He is a splendid speaker and
it will be well worth listening to.

The management of the fair was al-
so particularly fortunate in securing
the services of Mr. George R. James,
of Memphis, Tenn., to deliver the ad-
dress of the day on Friday, October
8th. Mr. James is a practical and suc-
cessful business man. He has made a
success in a financial way and at the
same time has won a nation-wide re-
putation as an educator and commu-
nity organizer. Mr. James owns and
operates a good farm in Mississippi,
and will have something to tell our
people regarding rural and farm life.

There are other entertaining fea-
tures are invited to participate. The
"popular girl" contest promises to be
one of the greatest.

MACCABEE BAND TO PLAY.

The Maccabee Band of Bay St.
Louis has volunteered its services and
will furnish the music for the con-
certs during the two days.

The opening parade will take place
on October 7th at 10 o'clock A. M.
Every automobile in the county and
every other vehicle and everybody on
foot are invited to participate. The
idea is to have a big parade and to
make a big showing as a manifestation
of interest.

This is your invitation to be the
guest of the Hancock County Fair on
October 7th and 8th. No admission
fee; entrance free.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

This is the second week of work at
Bay St. Louis schools. All pupils
of primary grades should enter at
once. We cannot form new classes
after September 20. We will not
accept pupils after date, so send your
children to school at once, or keep
them until New Year's.

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There is a compulsory school law
in Mississippi, and it is binding upon
school officials, teachers and patrons.
If you have a pupil that is affected
by this compulsory law, better get
him in school. The law might get
you fathers and mothers and guard-
ians.

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We have secured a third teacher
to assist in high school. It was a
great relief. The next greatest hin-
drance is that we have but very few
books. It seems that books cannot
be had.

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We will demand written excuses
for tardies and absentees. If we in-
sist upon this rule it will be to help
fathers and mothers.

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Come to us from 3:30 to 4:30 P.
M. if you wish to get an hour for
any service.

J. P. COWAN, Principal.

MISSISSIPPI GIRLS' CLUB WORK IS EXTENSIVE.

State Agent Reports 2,203,152 Cans
of Vegetables and Fruits in
Year 1919.

JACKSON, Miss., April 25.—Miss
Lula Tunison, State agent in charge
of the girls club work in Mississippi
recently made a report showing what
had been accomplished in 1919 by
the club girls. In food conservation
alone, the women and girls canned
2,203,152 cans and jars of fruits and
vegetables, valued at \$800,375.06,
and dried 151,435 pounds of fruits
and vegetables valued at \$27,326.96.

The meat canned showed a total
number of 5933 cans, valued at \$23,-
223.75, and at the same time they
cured, according to government di-
rections, the huge amount of 2,077,-
204 pounds of nice pork and beef.

The poultry products reported by
the club girls were valued at \$301,-
943.53. There were 192 girls en-
gaged in dairy work, 293 in bee
clubs and 7000 in the tomato clubs.

It is stated that 116 of these club
girls are now paying their own way
through school and college by money
earned in club work, and 86 others
are using scholarships earned by
reason of excellence in club perform-
ance.

Their work for 1920 is well under
way. The hens are cackling over
new-laid eggs, little chicks are grow-
ing tomatoes are in bloom and in a
few more weeks ten thousand Mis-
sissippi girls will be reaping a rich
reward because of the club activi-
ties.

SCHOOLS OF COUNTY OFFERED A LIBERAL LIST OF FAIR PRIZES.

List of Prizes to Be Awarded to
Schools of City and County
at Hancock County Fair
Is Given Out.

SUPT. T. E. KELLAR IN CHARGE
OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

All Schools, Public and Private, May
Compete—List of Rules and
Suggestions for Prospective
Exhibitors.

Co. Supt. T. E. Kellar has been appointed manager in charge of the Educational Department of Exhibits for the Hancock County Fair, to be held in Bay St. Louis during October of this year. He has, with the approval of the executive committee of the Fair Association, prepared the list of prizes to be awarded to successful exhibitors, which list will appear in the regular catalogue, soon to be issued, and here presented in advance for the information of the schools that might be interested.

1.—Best general art exhibit from any school, 1st prize, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.

2.—Best booklet on Mississippi history, U. S. history, civil government, geography, language and people's health, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.

3.—Best map of Mississippi showing the topographical sub-divisions of the State, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, 50c.

4.—Best general exhibit of manual training, including note books, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.

5.—Best general exhibit of domestic science from any school, including note books, 1st, \$10.00 in prizes suitable to the subject.

6.—Best general exhibit, based on exhibit and arrangement of booth, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00.

7.—Best composition (open to all schools). Subject: "Why We Need An Agricultural High School." Composition to be graded on general rules of composition, and contain not more than five hundred words. 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.50; 3rd, \$1.00.

8.—Best attendance up to date of fair, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.

9.—Sweepstakes, (the school that gets the greatest number of prizes), 1st, a banner awarded by the county superintendent, to be competed for from time to time.

10.—It is through the schools largely that we are looking forward to a Greater Hancock County. The Fair is one of the main channels through which we must travel, and in which we must participate, if we hope to reach that standard in efficiency that is commendatory for this the twentieth century. Wonderful is the brain that can think, wonderful is the heart that can feel, and wonderful is the hand that can act. Let us train our heads to think, our hearts to feel, and our hands to act through individual work of the county fair.

Let the children help in the arrangement of the above work. It will cultivate and make their judgment better. By means of conducting the work they will learn to do by doing the real thing itself.

Appoint monitors from the schools to meet visitors and show them around. This will strengthen their social power and better prepare them to meet the demands of the public.

When possible let each child stand by his work and explain it to the audience. This will enable him to impart that which he has mastered. That ability which many of us when weighed in the balance are found wanting.

In making a display in home science specimens of cooking, (such as bread and cake making), booklets on house decorating, house plans and paintings from the class room should be exhibited.

In manual training specimens of work done in the class room should be displayed.

Parent-Teachers' Club Recital.

The Parent-Teachers' Club announce a change in the date of the recital which should have been held last Monday, to next Tuesday, December 21st, at Central School, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

All members, friends and parents are cordially invited.

The following is the program to be rendered:

Playette—Mr. and Mrs. Shields.
Vocal Solo—Miss Evaline Lacosta.
Vocal Solo—Miss Louise Armstrong.
Piano Solo—Miss Mary Perkins.
Violin Solo—Mrs. M. J. Armstrong.
Vocal Solo—Miss Alice Fountain, accompanist.

CITY SCHOOLS TO REOPEN SEPT. 5

BOTH WHITE AND COLORED SCHOOLS OF CITY WILL RE-OPEN FOR 1921-22 SESSION ON LABOR DAY, FIRST MONDAY IN SEPT.—PROF. COWAN TO AGAIN PRESIDE.—OUTLOOK FOR BIG ATTENDANCE NEXT SESSION FAVORABLE.

Monday, September 5th, has been officially announced as the day for the reopening of the City schools, white and colored. This announcement is given out officially by Geo. J. Toca, secretary of the City School Board, and from the number of inquiries from parents and others it is evident the attendance is going to be unusually large. Every mother, father, guardian wants their charge to be at school, and it is well that every patron see that the aforesaid charge reports on the first day, Monday, September 5th.

Prof. S. C. Cowan, who, last session, presided over the destinies of the Central High School, will again be at the same post, and it is expected he will be in time from his home in Oklahoma to be here a few days prior to the opening. His assistants for

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL selected by the School Board are as follows:

Mrs. W. H. Sylvester, Miss Cora Lee Pearson, of Conehetta, Miss., Miss Celine Fayard, Miss Clara Kergosien.

R. W. WEBB SCHOOL.

Miss Della Hymel, principal; Miss Mae Colson, Miss Nina Ladner.

R. W. TAYLOR SCHOOL.

Miss Rita Breath, principal; Miss Ella Fayard, assistant.

THE VALENA C. JONES HIGH SCHOOL.

G. W. Brown, principal; Mrs. M. L. Brown, Misses Whitfield, Inez Labat, Celestine Barabino. Acting on the recommendation of G. W. Brown so The Echo is officially informed from the Board, Miss Herdon's position will be filled before the school session begins.

Practically all of the teachers of last year have been reappointed. Miss Pearson, the new teacher, is a college graduate and will come Bay St. Louis High School well recommended.

The sale of authorized school books this year will be handled by W. L. Bourgeois, adjoining the post-office, in Main street, instead of at local drug stores as has been the custom here for many years. The pupils are urged to procure their books early.

SCHOOL DAYS BEGIN MONDAY.

Bay St. Louis public schools will be opened for their 1921-22 school term Monday morning with every indication of a larger attendance than heretofore, and will take away from other duties and play, hundreds of children who will resume their studies for education and training previous to beginning life in the business world.

All the public schools, four in number have completed the necessary preparations for the opening and the teaching corps have been selected for the various grades and assigned to their respective departments.

Very little changes have been made in the teaching corps for the coming session. A recent meeting of the school board recommended that the R. W. Webb school be changed from the fifth grade to the sixth thereby adding to this school an additional teacher, in the selection, Miss Mae Colson's services were secured.

The Board, through its president, Hon. S. F. von Ehren, and secretary, Mr. Geo. J. Toca, and other members immediately got in touch with the Mississippi school authorities, and the result was that Prof. McClure, of Jackson, was elected principal of Central school, and he assumed charge Wednesday morning, relieving Miss Pearson, the high school assistant, who was acting principal in the interim. High school enrollment opening day was 134, but since the number has been augmented to nearly 200. The Webb and Taylor schools shows an increase over last year.

The matter of procuring books without long delay has been experienced every year, but this session finds the local depository able to supply all wants and all orders for special books filled the day after filing an order.

The faculty for this year and now in actual work is as follows:

Central School—Prof. McClure, of Jackson, principal; Miss Cora Lee Pearson, of Conehetta, Miss., Mrs. W. H. Sylvester, Miss Celine Fayard and Miss Clara Kergosien.

R. W. Webb School—Miss Della Hymel, principal; Miss Mae Colson, Miss Nina Ladner.

R. W. Taylor School—Miss Rita Breath, principal; Miss Ella Fayard.

The city of Bay St. Louis, spends considerably money annually on its schools and their expansion and amelioration, and it is noteworthy that the money is not spent in vain.

Honor Roll Webb School—October.

Primer Class—Elsie Luc.

First Grade—Margaret Schindler.

Victorine Zeigler, Lottie Carver.

Roby Tomasi.

Third Grade—Alberta Monti.

Wanita Fayard, Mary Chiniche, Lillian Muller.

Fourth Grade—Gwendolyn Zeigler, Joseph Le Blanc, Myrtle Muller.

Fifth Grade—Charles Fitzgerald.

Sixth Grade—Gladys Monti, Chas. Schwall, Ena Le Blanc, Sylvester Benigno, Camile Laurent.

Honor Roll Webb School Month of November.

Primer Class—Elsie Luc, Lydia Carver.

First Grade—Margaret Schindler, Victorine Zeigler, Lottie Carver.

Second Grade—Carl Arnold.

Third Grade—Alberta Monti, Wanita Fayard, Lillian Muller, Mary Chiniche.

Fourth Grade—Galen Shidler, Ruth Shidler, Cecile Carver, Vincent Morales, Gwendolyn Zeigler.

Fifth Grade—Robert Frost, Chas. Fitzgerald.

Sixth Grade—Camile Laurent, Gladys Colson, Ina LeBlanc.

CHRISTMAS AT WEBB SCHOOL.

The Christmas tree celebration given on Thursday, December 22nd, by the teachers of the Webb School, was an event that will long be remembered by more than a hundred children.

The teachers were assisted by the generosity of Mayor Webb, who has annually donated all the fruit and candy for the occasion, and, who, on this event was the "real, live jolly old Santa Claus."

The celebration opened with Christmas corals and recitations, after which all were invited into the next room where the beautiful tree stood in the center, loaded to the floor with gifts for every one.

A ring was formed around the tree by the children who sang to merry song. Santa then began to distribute the presents. Every child received a package, box of candy, and a package of fruit, and all visiting children were given fruit and candy. Over a hundred little hearts beat faster as good old Santa handed each a gift.

The teachers were also remembered by the children. After the merry tribulation all joined in a Mental Christmas carol to our dear Santa Claus of December, 1921.

RESULTS OF SPRING FIELD DAY EXERCISES OF BAY ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Literary contest, primary departments of three schools.

SPELLING.—PRIMER CLASS.

Balfour Olivier, Central School, blue ribbon; Geoffrey Bourgeois, Taylor School, blue ribbon; Estelle Holden, Webb School, white ribbon.

1ST GRADE SPELLING.

Dalton Thibadeau, Central School, blue ribbon; Kearney Bourgeois, Taylor School, red ribbon; Elsie Luc, Webb School, blue ribbon; Angelina Webb School, white ribbon.

2ND GRADE SPELLING.

Iberty Casanova, Central School, blue ribbon; Warren Larroux, Taylor School, Angelina Cambrette, white ribbon.

READING—PRIMER CLASS.

Geoffrey Bourgeois, Taylor School, blue ribbon; Frances O'Neal, Central School, red ribbon; Estelle Holden, Webb School, white ribbon.

1ST GRADE—READING.

Kearney Bourgeois, Taylor School, blue ribbon; Milton Lawrence, Central School, red ribbon; Elsie Luc, Webb School, white ribbon.

2ND GRADE—READING.

Clifton Erwin, Central School, blue ribbon; Steve Bourgeois, red ribbon.

DECLAMATION—PRIMER GRADE

Willie Sick, Taylor School, blue ribbon; Jack Roug, Central School, ribbon ribbon; Elsa Mae Thibadeau, Central School, white ribbon.

FIRST GRADE.

Ruth Perry, Central School, blue ribbon; Edward Kimmel, Taylor School, red ribbon; Zola Osborne, Webb School, white ribbon.

SECOND GRADE.

Burr Marshall, Taylor School, blue ribbon; Marguerite Schindler, Webb School, red ribbon; Addie Lee Stephen, Central School, white ribbon.

3RD AND 4TH GRADES—LITERARY

Sight Reading—Third Grade: Grady O'Neal, Central School, blue ribbon; N. Penrose, Taylor School, red ribbon; Alberta Monti, Webb School, white ribbon.

Spelling: Mary Ellen Marshall, Taylor School, blue ribbon; Grady O'Neal, Central School, red ribbon; Webb School, white ribbon.

Arithmetic: Carl Firsching, Taylor School, blue ribbon; Salvatore Noto, Central School, white.

Declamation: Esther Adams, Taylor School, blue ribbon; Louise Houston, Central School, red ribbon; Venida Fayard, Webb School, white ribbon.

Honor Roll R. W. Webb School for January.

Primer—Lydia Carver.

First Grade—Elsie Luc.

Second Grade, B—Margaret Schindler, Aictorine Zeigler.

Second Grade, A.—Sam Benigno, Mary Morales.

Third Grade—George Frost, Lucy Guaguliardo.

Fourth Grade, B—Alberta Monti, Venita Fayard, Lillian Muller.

Fohrth Grade, A—Galen Shidler, Ruth Shidler, Gwendolyn Zeigler, Myrtle Muller.

Fifth Grade—Robert Frost.

Sixth Grade—Ina LeBlanc, Gladys Colson.

LITERARY—FOURTH GRADE.

Sibht Reading: Myrtle Baker, Central School, blue ribbon; Myrtle Muller, Webb School, red ribbon; Woodie Graham, Taylor School, white ribbon.

Spelling: Joseph LeBlanc, Webb School, blue ribbon; Katie Watts, Central School, red ribbon; Taylor School, white ribbon.

Arithmetic: Lucille Olivier, Central School, blue ribbon.

DECLAMATION.

Hana Ansley, Central School, blue ribbon; Alice Shent, Webb School, red ribbon.

ATHLETICS—THIRD GRADES.

50-yard dash (girls) Josie Kimmel, blue ribbon. Webb School.

75-yard dash (boys) Peter Noto, Central School, blue ribbon.

Running high jump, Peter Noto, Central School, blue ribbon.

Running high jump, Peter Noto, Central School, blue ribbon; Carl Firsching, Taylor School, red ribbon; Woodie Graham, Webb School, white ribbon.

Standing broad jump, Peter Noto, Central School, blue ribbon.

M'CLUER HEADS CITY SCHOOLS AGAIN FOR NEXT YEAR SESSION

Board of Trustees in Session Saturday Night Re-Elect Superintendent Leon McCluer for City Schools, and Miss C. L. Pearson, Principal of Bay High School.

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENT TERM JUST ENDED.

Session Just Ended Has Been Harmonious and Constructive—One of Best Sessions in School's History. Miss Hymel to Head Webb School and Miss Breath the Taylor School.

At a meeting of the Board of City School Trustees, held Saturday night, Prof. Leon McCluer was re-elected superintendent of city schools for the session 1922-23, and Miss Cora Lea Pearson was also re-elected principal for Bay High School for next session. The election was unanimous. The following are the teachers for next term:

Central School: Leon McCluer, superintendent; Miss Cora Lea Pearson, principal; Mrs. W. O. Sylvester, first assistant; Misses Olga von Drozkowsky, Celine Fayard.

R. W. Webb School: Miss Della Hymel, principal; Miss Nina Ladner, assistant.

R. W. Taylor School: Miss Rita Breath, principal; Miss Ella Fayard, assistant.

Vacancies will be filled at a subsequent meeting.

The re-election of the teachers was a recognition of the successful term ended. It had been one of the most harmonious and constructive in the history of city schools. The attendance has increased, and the character of the work has been far above the average. The Bay St. Louis city schools have a splendid standing in the State, with high affiliation. Should the attendance continue to increase the building will become all too small, and its dilapidated and possibly unsafe condition warrants a new one. It is hoped that the time is not far distant when the city will be in a position to erect a modern brick building, with basement. The city and its population and constant growth demand such a school building.

BAY CITY SCHOOLS TO OPEN 1924-25 CLASSES MONDAY

Teachers Assigned to the Different
Schools—Territory For Pupils
Defined—Athletics To Be
Featured This
Year.

The city schools will open for the 1924-25 session at 9 a. m. Monday, September 8th. No lengthy set program has been arranged for any of the schools for that time. But it is hoped and urged that all patrons and friends should attend the opening of the school in which their children will be. It is hoped that as many as possible will take this occasion to visit the schools and see what is being done and planned for their children.

The principal work of Monday will be the classification of the pupils, the assigning of new and irregular students and announcing of texts to be secured. All classes will have regular lessons assigned for Tuesday, and will be expected to be ready to begin promptly and do their regular work as it will be carried on thereafter.

Board wishes to again call attention of all patrons to the districting of the city for school purposes, and to state that every child will be expected to attend the school of the district in which he may live. The R. W. Taylor School district will include all territory lying on or north of Felicity street within the city limits. The children who will be in the first five grades will attend this school. The Central School district will include all territory lying between this district and Union street, and all pupils of any grade will be expected to attend this school. The R. W. Webb School district will include all territory lying within the city limits and south of Union street. The Webb School will take all pupils of this district who may be in the fourth and fifth grades.

The R. W. Taylor School will be in entire charge of Mrs. W. W. Stockstill. This school will only have pupils of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth grades.

The R. W. Webb School will be under the direction of Miss Olga von Drozkowsky. Miss von Drozkowsky will be assisted by Miss Nina Ladner and Miss May Colson. Miss Colson will have charge of the first and second grades; Miss Ladner the third and fourth, and Miss von Drozkowsky will teach the fifth and sixth grades and be principal of the school.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF WEBB SCHOOL.

Surprise and Testimonial to Departing Principal—Pupils Trained For the Occasion.

Miss Ladner and Miss Colson, assistant teachers of the Webb School, trained pupils for a closing program as a surprise to Miss Della Hymel, who has given up the teaching profession to reside in New Orleans with her parents. The following program was rendered:

May Song—Primary Room.

Recitation, "Farewell"—Berenice King.

Presentation of Gift—Edwin Marquez.

Song, "Miss Hymel"—By School.

The pupils lingered at school after the program. They seemed to have realized their loss.

The faculty loses one of its most able teachers.

Miss Hymel has been principal of the Webb School for the past six years and is known as being a patient and painstaking teacher.

The teachers at the Central School will also show several new faces. Miss Celine Fayard will be in her accustomed place with the first and second grades. Miss Luvina Saucier will have the third and fourth grades in the room occupied last session by Miss Mary Ella Cottongim. Mrs. Leon Mc... will have charge of the fifth and sixth grades in the room where Miss von Drozkowsky has been during the past sessions. Mrs. W. O. Sylvester will have charge of the seventh and eighth grades again this session.

In the high school there will be two new faces. Miss Imogen May, of Amory, Miss., will have charge of the work done last session by Miss Lockard. Miss May will teach book-keeping, shorthand and three of the English classes. Mr. Malcolm E. Gillis, of Hazlehurst, Miss., will have charge of the work done last session by Miss Thompson. Mr. Gillis will teach mathematics, biology, and one class of English. Mr. Gillis will also be in charge of athletics for the boys; it is hoped and confidently expected that he will develop some good athletic teams during the session. Mr. Gillis is a graduate of Mississippi College, at which institution he made an enviable record as a student and an athlete.

Mr. McCluer will again act in his double capacity as teacher of high school history and civics and principal of the Central School, combined with the office of superintendent of

MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE 263,130

CENSUS BUREAU SHOWS THAT
THERE ARE 328,372 CHILDREN
IN THE STATE SEVEN TO
THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE;
THAT OVER 80 PER CENT OR
263,130 ARE IN ATTENDANCE
AT SCHOOL; FIVE PER CENT
INCREASE SINCE 1910.

According to the census of 1920 there are 328,372 children 7 to 13 years of age in the state of Mississippi and of this number 263,130 or 80.1 per cent, were reported as attending school. In 1910 the percentage attending school was 75.4, thus indicating a gratifying improvement as regards school attendance between 1910 and 1920. Of the children 14 and 15 years of age in 1920 75.2 per cent were attending school and of those 16 and 17 years of age 51.7 per cent.

Of white children 7 to 13 years of age 75.4 per cent were attending school in 1910 and 80.1 per cent in 1920. For colored children of the same age the percentage in the same interval increased from 67.0 to 71.5 per cent.

The percentage of children attending schools was considerably larger in the cities than in the country districts, the percentage of the children in the urban population 7 to 13 years of age being 89.2, while in the rural population it was 79.1. "Urban," according to the census definition, includes all cities and other incorporated places of 2,500 or more.

R. W. WEBB SCHOOL HAS T. P. A.

A Teachers' Parent Association was organized yesterday afternoon at the R. W. Webb School, over in the Fourth Ward. Be it said to the great credit of the school and patrons.

Officers elected were: Mrs. K. W. Pepperdene, president; Miss Nina Ladner, vice president; Miss Mae Colson, secretary; Mrs. S. D. Livingston, treasurer.

The association has planned quite a program for this year's work and a most active campaign will be waged. Miss Olga von Drozkowsky is principal of the Webb School, assisted by Misses Ladner and Colson.

ENTERTAINMENT AT R. W. WEBB SCHOOL. 1925

A Valentine entertainment was given at the R. W. Webb School, under the auspices of the Webb r. T. A. The fund raised will be used to purchase maps.

The following program was rendered by the pupils:

The Valentine Shop—David Livingston, the shopkeeper. The four fairy helpers: Ethel Livingston, Lucille Ploue, Victoria Kuagliardo and Lottie Mae Heitzman.

Valentines—By the boys and girls.
Johnny's Valentine—Esther Ploue.

The Best Valentine—Four boys and girls.

The Valentine Maker (a song)—By primary room.

"The Knight of the Funny Bone," a playlet, was given by the pupils of fourth, fifth and sixth grades, with Nolan Ladner, king; Ruby Tom, queen; Zola Osbourne, Dan, Charley Manning, the Knight of the Funny Bone, and Cecil Crawford, Downey Moulder.

Due to Mrs. H. U. Canty's illness, Mrs. W. T. McDonald assisted with the musical part of the program.

Webb School to Have Xmas 1927 Tree.

R. W. Webb school has organized a Parent-Teacher association, with Mrs. Elizabeth Boudin as president, Mrs. W. H. Smith, treasurer, and Miss May Colson, secretary.

Plans have already been made to give the children the annual Christmas tree. The little ones are very enthusiastic and working very hard. We are glad to have Miss Vaughn back with us after being absent last week.

On Friday, December 9th, there will be given a lotto party, admission will be 10c.

WEBB SCHOOL NOTES.

Stop! Look! Listen!—for the R. W. Webb school. 1927

The Primary children are always up in time, they are observing "Thrift week." Don't say they are not patriotic, for they have passed quite a few of us, who haven't given "thrift" a thought. Instead, we splurge along in our extravagance. These little children have learned the spirit by saving paper and time, by showing how much might be written on one sheet of paper they will continue being thrifty throughout the year.

The first and second grades are working harder on spelling this week, they feel the need of more consultation with Webster. A contest proved very fruitful in their spelling class, the prizes were the show tickets. They had this contest as a spelling match and the third grade had to draw, since so many good spellers stepped forth. Watch us spell.

The third, fourth and fifth grades have been receiving (what we call until we pass) horrible mid-term examinations.

The third grade had quite a thrilling time with their fishing contest, each word in the Glossary was a fish and had to be caught in the pool (story) quite a bit of excitement was displayed when all the pupils were getting bites from different pools. We found that all were good fishermen and hope to fish again soon.

The fourth grade has been displaying their talent and originality by making calendars. An appropriate picture was for each month found and posted at the top of a cardboard with the calendar posted below. We have quite a display around the rooms. Would be glad to have you come and inspect them.

The fifth grade has shown its artistic skill in the drawings made from Healthy Living study. They have drawn the Breathing System and the Blood Circulation, giving themselves much credit. We are beginning on our field day work and watch us shine. Our light may be small but we will reflect afar.

We invite you to come down and visit this enthusiastic bunch.

WEBB SCHOOL TO ENTERTAIN NEXT MONDAY EVENING

Public Invited at Central High School to Witness Annual Entertainment—Play Entitled "A Visit to Fairyland"—Special Numbers. 1927

Following a most successful session of constructive work the closing of the "R. W. Webb" ward school will be marked Monday evening with a special entertainment, presented at the auditorium in Central High School. "A visit to Fairyland" will be the chief feature, with special numbers between the acts.

The statement for the press follows:

"Indeed, it is a visit which every one will enjoy. It will be a revelation to both old and young. These little children have worked hard and will give you their best by displaying themselves in pretty costumes portraying the fairy characters. It is a treat.

"Two little earth children are amusing themselves, when a fairy enters and invites them to fairyland, they accept. The wonders of fairyland are brought forth in program, after which they are carried through See-Saw Land. The scene closes as the children are preparing to go back to earth and carry the flowers for spring."

The Cast:
Earth Children—Marjorie and Fred Fayard.

Fairy of Bubbles—Lottie Mae Heitzmann.

Queen of Fairies—Dolores Cuevas.

Sunshine Fairy—Willie Mae Fayard.

Dream Fairy—Nell Harper.

Fairy of Fireflies—Doris Osbourn.

Moonbeam Fairy—Anna Mae Ploue.

Butterfly—Evelyn Smith.

Gypsy Queen—Lydia Carver.

Elves—Harvey O'Neal, Clarence Ladner, Steve DiBello, Robert Colton, Joseph Farve.

Bronnies—Evan Pucheu, Wilford Ladner.

Fireflies—Harold Smith, Milton Ladner, Evander Beal.

Daisies—Ethel Mae Livingston, Ethel Mae Boudin, Florence Luc, Verance Smith.

Hollyhocks—Edith Moralle, Eloise Higgins, Marie Carver, Eva Puchen.

Appleblossoms—Jennie Compretto, Mildred Arnold, Lucille Ploue.

Snowflakes—Adelaide Heitzman, Louise Heitzman, Anna Belle Arnold, Vinson Pollion, Elsie Mae Dillman, Alma Johnson, Andrey Raymond.

Between acts there will be special numbers by members of the cast as follows:

"The Caterpillar"—Anna Bell Arnold and chorus.

"The Big Round World"—Evander Beal.

"Blue Birds"—Doris Osbourn.

"Snowflakes"—Dolores Cuevas and chorus.

Public is invited complimentary through this medium.

Webb Benefit Play 1930 Wednesday Night Netted Neat Sum For Tree

Parent-Teachers' Club of the Webb School, assisted by Mr. Joseph Glynn, as director and stage manager, presented a play Wednesday night at the High School, which was enjoyed by a fair-sized audience and, after deducting expenses, the sum of a little better than fifteen dollars was realized for the Christmas tree to take place next Friday afternoon.

On Thursday there will be a penny party to make up for the full sum needed. The committee in charge of the benefit entertainment, with Mr. Glynn, was Mrs. Surdich, Mrs. Wright Miss C. Spotorno, Miss Berry, Mrs. Clarence Roland of the Main Street gift shop is thanked for a handsome donation from her store.

WEBB SCHOOL HAS 1930 FINE YEAR OF WORK

Webb school of which Mrs. Fred Wright is principal this session, is enjoying a fine year of work. There are about 130 pupils enrolled this session whereas in former years about 60 to 70 was the enrollment and this year there are three teachers instead of two as formerly.

Recently a penny party was given at the school which proved quite successful. From the proceeds of the party a number of articles for play were purchased, such as a basketball, football, sand box, buckets and shovels for sand, rubber balls for the smaller children and other things which the children delight to have.

Mid-term examinations were held successfully with the pupils showing good work.

Penny Party To 1936 Be Given By The R. W. Webb School

Considerable interest is centered on the forthcoming Penny Party to be given at the R. W. Webb School on Thursday, December 10 at 2:30 o'clock afternoon, to which the public is cordially invited. To mingle with the children and to enjoy the pleasures made possible by so small a stipend as a penny. Results from this party will make for a more cheerful Christmas thought and the spirit of it will reflect its effulgent rays of joy into many hearts. Miss Ethel Sylvester is teacher in charge.

Teachers' Pay To 1935 Be Issue Before Next Legislature

Members of the next legislature should be contacted immediately by those interested in seeing Mississippi schools on a firm financial basis, W. F. Bond, state superintendent of education, said at Jackson this week as he reviewed the situation in the state in reference to teachers' salaries.

"If the appropriation is given a real increase there will be money to pay the teachers at the close of the school term," he states, "otherwise hundreds of teachers in the state will either receive very small salaries or go without pay for a part of the session."

The success of the educational program for the next year depends largely on what the legislature appropriates for schools when it convenes in January, he said.

R. W. WEBB SCHOOL TO PRESENT TWO-ACT OPERETTA FRIDAY 14 1937

On Friday, May 14 (today) at 5 p. m., a two-act operetta: "Over The Garden Wall" will be presented at R. W. Webb School grounds. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. G. Y. Blaize was elected president of the Parent-Teacher Association at the last regular meeting on May 4.

On Monday Miss Caro Weston met with the R. W. Webb Nature Study Club. Several interesting booklets made by the children were given to her. Quite a bit of interest has been shown by the children in making posters and building bird houses.

PRETTY TEACHERS. 1937

Where is the Bay St. Louis man or woman who cannot remember the time when school teachers of the fair sex were seldom considered good-looking, and who were always looked upon as old maidish and boogish? It used to be the case in a vast majority of cases that this held good. But it's different now. For now the modern school teacher has developed into a young person whose charms considerably agitate the male heart. Proof of this is found in the rapid change that takes place in school teaching forces. Constantly the superintendents are having to find new ones, since these girls disappear so fast into the state of matrimony. These girls do not commonly marry the fashion plates of the smart set, but substantial men. Many school teachers know enough to pick solid and may say this is an overdrawn picture, as they lead quiet, hard-working lives in places where they are not known and have few friends. There are many of this type also. But whatever their temperament they are doing some of the finest work of the community in which they live, and they are entitled to every honor and social recognition that can be bestowed upon them.

R. W. Webb School Pupils Enjoy Outing To The Dutch Kitchen 1937

A pleasant and enjoyable afternoon was spent by the students of Taylor school last Friday. All the children met at school and were taken in cars out to the Dutch Kitchen where the party was given.

Games were played under the direction of the recreational worker, Cecelia St. Angelo. Prizes were awarded and won by Junior Trapani and Mary January.

The feature of the afternoon was a baseball game between the girls and boys ending in a score of 17-17.

The refreshments, which consisted of ice cream, cake and candy were served and favors passed among the children.

Among those attending the party were Mrs. A. Trapani, Mrs. E. Kimmel, Mrs. H. Bourgeois, Mrs. Mollere, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. J. Schuitz, Mrs. C. Schultz, Henrietta Bourgeois and Fritz Babinger.

Everyone regretted Mrs. Stockstill's illness which prevented her from attending the party. All extend their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The children thanked Mrs. Trapani, Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. St. Angelo for the wonderful time.

1939

HISTORY OF HANCOCK COUNTY PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

BAY ST. LOUIS P. T. A.

PRESENT Bay Central Parent-Teacher Association was organized in the fall of 1920 as a Mother's Club, at the instigation of Miss Celine Fayard, Mrs. E. J. Gex, being the first president. The Mother's Club was, in this first year, affiliated with the State and National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the most important business being that of "getting started."

In the years since its organization, the Parent-Teacher Association has accomplished many projects, such as the collection of books for the school library; a community Christmas tree; a clinic, and the organization of a Mothers Club at Taylor school, in 1922-23.

In 1924-25 the library was brought up to the State standard; new by-laws adopted; a district meeting was held at the Court House and Mrs. Donald Marshall and Miss Von Drozowsky represented the Association at the State Conception.

In 1924-25, improvements to the play-ground were managed and financed, and a group of 20 pupils taken to the Field Meet.

The Gold Seal for a Standard Association was awarded by the State Congress. The main achievement for the year 1925-26 was the further improvement of the play-ground and the purchase of athletic equipment; also the financing of athletic trips.

1926-27 saw the first milk fund raised, and money was donated by the Association toward the equipment of the Home Science Department in the new school building.

In 1927-28, the efforts of the Association were centered upon the furnishing of the new school building and the improvement of the grounds, and the first summer round-up was held with marked success. The outstanding achievement for the year 1928-29 was the planting of shrubs on the school grounds. The full quota of membership was attained.

In 1929-30, athletic equipment and trophies were supplied and a rest room for the teachers furnished, with a medicine cabinet installed. A dental hygiene program was also carried out successfully. The State Convention, which met at Gulfport, was entertained at tea.

1930-31 saw the continuance of the dental hygiene work, and milk and crackers were furnished to a large group of underprivileged children. The District P. T. A. was entertained, with a registration of 185 members.

In the past year, 1931-32, attention was centered upon child Round-up, and milk being supplied to a group of the undernourished children, as well as books and clothing when needed. A George Washington Memorial tree was planted, with fitting ceremony, on the school lawn.

The present year has already been marked by a successful membership drive, launched by an impressive parade of all the schools in early September. Books and clothing have been given, and money-making plans are under way.

Funds for these accomplishments have been raised by the membership through the staging of plays, minstrel shows, etc.; through card parties, Easter Egg hunts; the sale of advertising space on the drop curtain in the school auditorium; a benefit picture show, and the sale of vanilla extract, as well as through regular dues and private gifts. In one year the Association collected a total of \$1200, and other years have been similarly successful.

The presidents have been as follows:

1920-21, Mrs. E. J. Gex.

1921-22, Mrs. R. L. Breath.

1922-23, Mrs. R. L. Breath, re-elected.

1923-24, Mrs. Donald Marshall.

1924-25, Mrs. H. U. Canty.

1925-26-27, Mrs. Donald Marshall.

1927-28, Mrs. C. C. McDonald.

1929-30-31, Mrs. J. A. Evans, re-elected.

1931-32, Mrs. R. B. Logan, re-elected.

The Bay Central Association has been officially represented at the State conventions every year but one, the expenses of one delegate usually being paid from the treasury. State and National standards of excellence and achievement have been gained and held, and membership steadily increased.

TEACHERS TO BE PAID THIS WEEK

1939

Local Institution Assisting School Board and City Makes This Possible

School teachers, laborers and others connected with the conduct of Bay St. Louis city schools, who have been paid only a half month since the present session opened, will receive full pay to date this week, according to an announcement that the Merchants Bank & Trust Company, of Bay St. Louis, has granted a request for a loan of several thousand dollars.

This money will pay every nickel the city owes to teachers, janitors, etc., and will not only help the city to discharge a most sacred obligation but put much money into circulation through local channels, assisting many who are depending on this money.

City taxes are due October 1st but, since, as a rule, payments are deferred until the beginning of the year and later, with February 1 as the deadline, the city is shy of cash for the time being. In order to tide over both the school board and city commissioners the loan was immediately made on request and the money put to the city's credit as quickly as the necessary formalities were accomplished.

Not many communities are as fortunate as Bay St. Louis in this time of stress. This money, even though it has been earned and past due, will be received with double satisfaction and grateful realization of the source that made it possible to be paid at this time.

R. W. WEBB GIVES COLORFUL CLOSING EXERCISES TUESDAY

1939

"Flowers of All Nations" Presented in Open Spaces At City Park—Scores Success.

Pupils of the Robert W. Webb School presented a colorful presentation of "Flowers of All Nations," as the entertainment marking the close of a successful school season, with Miss Frances Scafide and Miss Mildred Wheat, members of the faculty.

The exercises were presented on the grounds of City Hall, using the recreational facilities to advantage, of which Miss Louise Armstrong is resident supervisor. Music was by Mrs. Marie Weber, the entertainment created and directed by Miss Scafide and Miss Wheat who designed and created the dresses.

The American Beauty rose was selected as the queen of flowers and this was portrayed by Miss Helen Dedeaux.

Scene:

A festival of flowers in Mississippi.

Characters: (in order of first appearance)

State flowers: (Magnolias)—H. Poillion, C. Garcia, J. Crutchfield, R. Luc, M. Strong, A. Poillion, H. Ladner.

Cotton Blossom: (A Dixie pickaninny) C. Scianna.

Fickaninnies: J. McWilliams, C. Garcia, O. Dahl, L. Scianna, C. Luc, J. Garcia.

Daisy: (From Boston)—V. Ladner.

Golden Rod: (A matron from the Middle West)—J. Johnson.

Page Pansy: B. McLain.

Chief Hollyhock: (Judge of the Festival)—E. Gresham.

Second Hollyhock: Leroy Dahl.

Third Hollyhock: Clyde Ladner.

English Rose: (A British debutante)—Claire Ramond.

Sir James Thistle: (A scotchman) Tommy Gresham.

Tulip: (Lad from Holland)—George Benigno.

Fleur-de-Lys of France: Mildred Lafontaine.

Pomegranate: (Spanish Senorita) Rose Mary Johnston.

Cornflower: (Daughter of Germany) Gloria Luc.

Songs: 1. Song of Greeting—Mississippi. 2. American Beauty Rose. 3. God Bless America.

Chrysanthemum: (Maidens of Sunny Japan) Myrtle Strong, Lucille Geoffrey.

Narcissus: (Girls of China)—

Lotus Flower of Finland: Nevie Louise Crutchfield.

White Lilly: (From fair Italy)—Doris Arnold.

Geraldine Favre.

American Beauty (The Belle of Roses)—Helen Dedeaux.

Rosebuds: Audrey Benigno, M. McWilliams, Regina Smith.

**Pupils of R. W. Webb
School Presents An
Operetta at Closing.**

1940

Miss Frances Scafide and Miss Mildred Wheat presented their pupils at the R. W. Webb School in a pretty "Operetta" at the closing exercises of the school on Monday, May 20, 1940 at 2:30 P. M.

The costumes were attractive and the children showed excellent training and presented an amusing and pretty operetta. Following are some of the characters depicted:

Monday—Clayton Garcia.
Tuesday—Myrtle Strong.
Wednesday—Claire Ramona.
Thursday—Tommy Gresham.
Friday—Chas. Emmett Loper.
Saturday—Nevie Low Crutchfield.
Sunday—Rosemary Johnson.

The chorus was composed of the entire student body of the school.

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Club Sponsoring Bazaar**

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**WEBB SCHOOL
HAS CHRISTMAS
PLAYS AND PARTY**

1956

The Webb School celebrated Christmas in a festive manner with old Santa Claus there in person, it was said.

The First and Second Grades, Mrs. Claiborne Ladner, teacher, put on a play entitled "In The Toyland Doll Shop" which would have done credit to older children. Those taking part were Jerry Carver, as the shopkeeper, and Juliette Nelson and Bonnie Kenmar as the customers. The Dolls, which represented all types, were Douglas Carmouche, Faye Duke, Nolan Strong, Anna Mae Heitzmann, Mary Ellen Adam, Irma Garcia, Roland Brocato, J. C. Page, Lyndall Wheat, Brenda Willard, Thomas Godwin, Eloise Bounds, Bobby Jo Walters, Mary Lee Duke, The singer behind the stage was Judy Fletcher.

The Fourth and Fifth Grades put on two plays "Shall Santa Go Modern" played by Charles Hille, Sylvia Bounds, Michael Adams, Pat Glover, Michael Shiyon, Edward Carver, Raymona Necaise, Raboin Carver, David Godwin, Shirley Kenmar, Jean Geiger, Betty Roberts, Judith Henderson, Laura Strong, Rose Nelson, Mary Godwin, Barbara Ann Heitzmann.

Judith Henderson gave as a recitation "If I Were Santa's Little Girl."

The second play was entitled "On Christmas Eve," Members of the cast were: Peter Morel, Peggy Strong, Cecil Bounds, Billie Walters, Alan Henderson, Charles Strong, Marguerite Randolph, Mary Alice Heitzmann, Diane Carmouche, Cecil Ramond, Michael Adams, Johnnie Holzhauser, Raymond Necaise, Pat Glover.

The singers were Diane Carmouche, Marguerite Randolph, Cecil Ramond, Mary Alice Heitzman, Judith Henderson, Betty Roberts, Jean Geiger, Rose Nelson, Shirley Kenmar, Sylvia Bounds, Laura Strong, Mary Godwin, Barbara Ann Heitzmann.

The teachers Miss Pauline Russ and Mrs. Ladner, wish to express their appreciation to the Mothers' Club for a record player, Mrs. Ben Hille, for the cold drinks, Mrs. S. Adams for making costumes for the plays and lots of thanks for good old Santa Claus for being on hand.

1955

WEBB MOTHERS MEET ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Mothers Club of the Webb school held its first meeting of the school year on Wednesday at 3:00 p. m. in the lunch room with a good representation of mothers present. Those attending were Mesdames Lewis Henderson, Andrew Carver, George Duke, Girard Freeman, Owen Heitzmann, Ollie Mitchel, Roland Holzhauser, George Fletcher and F. D. Roberts, and the teachers, Miss Pauline Russ and Mrs. Claiborne Ladner.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Ben Hille, president; Mrs. George Duke, vice-president; Mrs. George Fletcher, secretary and treasurer. The second Wednesday of each month was set as the day for regular monthly meeting. It was decided to increase the salary of Mrs. Roberts who supervises the cooking of the meals in recognition of her having showed a profit of \$90 for the club last year. The club also decided to give free lunches to under privilegel children and Mrs. Ladner, Miss Russ, Mrs. Carver and Mrs. Roberts were named as a committee to investigate these cases who are reported as eligible for them.

Several things are scheduled to raise money to finance the lunch room and defray other expenses that the school may need to have financed. A spaghetti supper is scheduled on the night of September 24. A bazaar planned for October 15 provided this date is open. There will be cokes, funny books and such things sold.

WEBB MOTHERS PLAN SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Mothers Club of Webb School met in a called meeting at the school Monday afternoon with the newly elected president, Mrs. Ben Hille, presiding.

The purpose of the meeting was for the final arrangements for the spaghetti supper which the club is sponsoring to raise funds for the final payment on the equipment of their new lunch room.

The date for the supper, has been set for Saturday, October 1 from 5 to 9 in the school's lunch room. The price of the dinner will be 75 cents for adults, 50 cents for children.

NOV. 2 SET FOR NEXT MOTHERS' CLUB MEET

The Mothers Club of Webb School will hold their next regular meeting at the school, Wednesday Nov. 2 at 3 p. m.

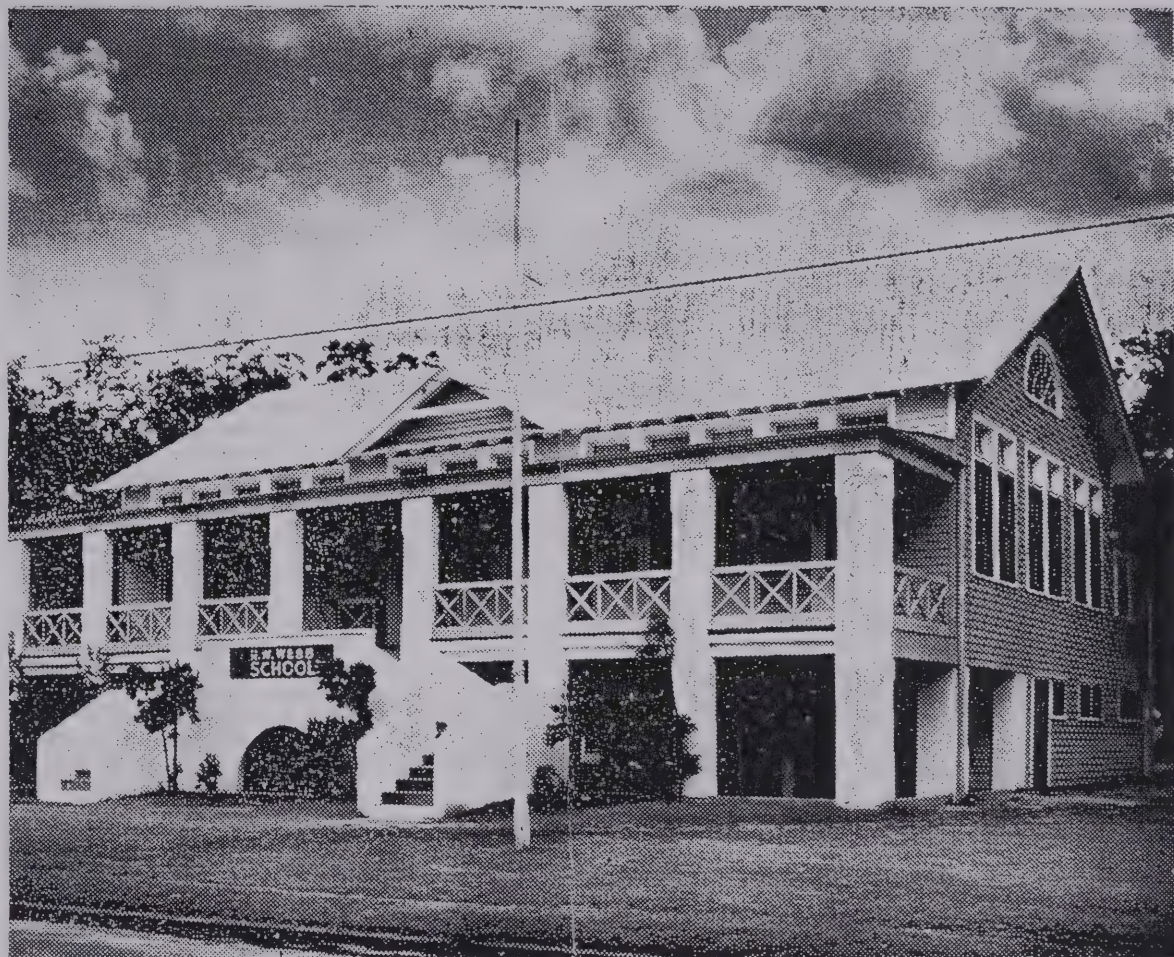
A membership drive is now on, and all mothers who have children attending Webb School, who are not members of the Mothers Club, are urged to be at the next meeting. They need you, and would like to have you as a member.

At the last meeting, it was decided to give a small sum, or a present, to the class having the largest number of mothers present at each meeting.

The Mothers Club will hold a bazaar during the month of December, the exact date and place to be announced later.

1949

School Days, School Days



Recent repairs have made the old Webb School at Third and Citizen streets an attractive location where children can study. Included in the repairs were a new roof and paint job, improved plumbing throughout and general "fixing up." Also, a new lunch room was built in the basement where the entire student body of some 50 first to fourth-graders can be served. School began September 1. Miss Pauline Russ will again be principal and Mrs. Claiborne Ladner has returned as teacher.

—Photo by Tony Scafidi.

1950-1954

Webb School Mothers' Club Elects Officers for Next Year

1950

Mrs. Owen Heitzmann was elected president of the Webb School Mothers' Club at their meeting of the year last Wednesday afternoon at the school. Other officers chosen were: Mrs. George Duke, vice-president; Mrs. Claiborne Ladner, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lewis Henderson, program chairman; Mrs. Andrew Carver and Mrs. Ben Hille, membership committee; Mrs. Gerard Freeman, hospitality chairman; and Mrs. Thomas Godwin, room mother chairman.

The school picnic, to be held May 16, was discussed, the Mothers' Club promising to attend and to furnish a large share of the refreshments.

A report on the lunchroom, main project of the Mothers' Club the past two years, was heard, and the new picnic-style table was inspected. Thanks were voted to Superior Supply Company, who donated the materials for it, and to Mr. Fred Garner who made it for the school without charge. Mr. Garner is at present making a second table, materials for which were furnished by Magnolia Lumber Company.

While no business meetings will be held during the summer, the Mothers' Club will not be inactive. They have authorized construction of window deflectors to remove the glare which has been a great problem in the classrooms; the school board has already been asked for help on finishing the lunchroom floor and in providing adequate desks in the classrooms; and the new president, Mrs. Heitzmann, will call a planning meeting shortly.

It was decided to repeat the events which proved so popular and successful this year—the autumn spaghetti supper, the before-Christmas bazaar, and the Play Day in connection with Mardi Gras.

The club expressed hope that the school curriculum next year will include music and physical education, and that visual-aid movies can be used to augment the classroom teaching.

After the business meeting, Mrs. George Fletcher entertained the group with a Stanley party, proceeds of which went to the Mothers' Club. Refreshments were enjoyed.

PLAY DAY AT WEBB SCHOOL SATURDAY

On Saturday, February 18, the Webb School will have a Play Day from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

There will be supervised games by the teachers of the school and prizes for the best decorated bicycle, tricycle and wagon and for the best costumed doll.

General admission will be 5c and sweets and cold drinks can be purchased.

AMERICANISM TO BE STRESSED AT BAY SCHOOLS

1954

Prof. Ingram Praised For New Program

A plan for a new, fuller Americanism policy for Bay St. Louis Public Schools was announced this week by S. J. Ingram, Superintendent of Public Schools.

A request to the Legion Commander for a militant recording of "The Star Spangled Banner," caused an investigation by the Public Relations Officer of the Clement R. Bontemps Post 139.

Ingram revealed to the Legion official that the plan will be inaugurated at the time the students start using the new school addition.

"The first order of business in every classroom will be the playing of the National Anthem over the school P.A. system, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" and "Salute to the Flag," Superintendent Ingram said.

"American Flags will be displayed in every classroom in the future," the superintendent continued. "I feel that Americanism and Patriotism are vital subjects in the complete education of our students," he concluded.

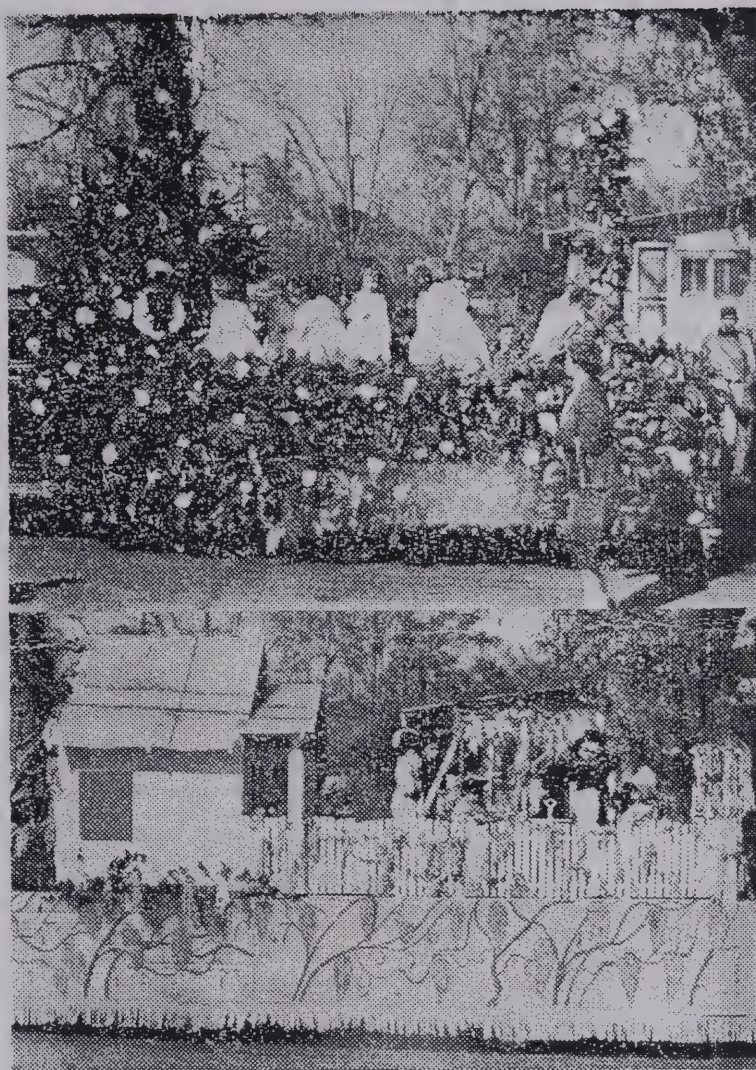
The new policy has received cheer from local Legionnaires and other patriotic citizens of Bay St. Louis.

Chairman of the Legion's Americanism Committee, Fred Fayard Sr., said "The cooperation of our school officials has been gratifying. Our committee is happy to provide the stirring recording by the Boston Pop Orchestra, and we will replace it when it becomes necessary," he said.

General Louis F. Guerre, Chairman of the Special School Americanism Committee Rotarian, and member of other civic organizations, expressed warm approval of the superintendent's action.

"This policy of instilling Americanism and patriotism in our young Americans will go far in influencing the future lives of these students," the General said. "Our school officials are to be congratulated for being alert to this need of preparing our Boys and Girls to become good Americans who will continue our American way of life forever," he added.

1953
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Lakeview's Magnolia float is pictured above; Webb School, second place winners, are shown below.
—Photos by Jim Roos

MARDI GRAS

(Continued from front page)

in a garden of flowers, such as those depicted on the floats, wore a white and gold tulle gown. The bodice, white lace over gold satin, ended in a peplum of petals trimmed in gold sequins below the waistline. The voluminous skirt was of tulle. The round neckline was trimmed in gold sequins. Her mantle was white tulle over gold satin with gold flowers forming a border. She carried a gold sceptre with a spray of yellow roses.

The train bearer and flower girls, dressed in floor length yellow gowns were Virginia Saucier, Joan Rose, Alice Marie Banderet and Mary Alice Kingston. Heralds were Michael Aldrich and Glenn Steele; Larry Favre and Jackie Perniciaro were the pages.

Entertainment for the court was provided by Beverly Miller who did a tap dance, and Gail Banderet who did acrobats.

Judges were Mrs. W. S. Wittlesberger, Mrs. E. C. Samuel, Rev. S. M. Batson and Mrs. J. B. Goldman.

Gulfview School Wins First Prize, Webb Second In Mardi Gras Parade

1953

Riding in a garden of magnolia blossoms, the queen of the magnolias and her court, representing Gulfview School of Lakshore, won first prize in the school division for the prettiest float entered in the annual P.-T. A. Mardi Gras parade Tuesday.

Second place in the same division was captured by Webb School for their Wisteria float, carrying out the theme of the festivities, "Flowers."

In the business section, "Weeds" won first place, with the American Legion "Poppy" float in second place. Miss Betty Younger was awarded the prize in the horseman division; and Barry Favre as Roy Rogers and his dog, Bullet, won the bicyclist group with Mickey Ladner second.

Vernon Parker and Billy James, leading the life of hobos for Carnival Day, won in the adult maskers division; in the children's group, Carol and Tommy Johnson as cotton pickers, captured first prize. The gypsies, Linda Erskine and her two companions, placed second.

Floats and individuals participating in the parade were: "Dais-

ies, first and second grades of Bay High; Poinsettias, third and fourth grades, Bay High; Violets, fifth grade, Bay High; Tulips, sixth and seventh grades, Bay High; Weeds, Pansies, Taylor School; Magnolia, Gulfview; Wisterias, Webb School; Azalea, St. Joseph Academy; Black-eyed Susans, Waveland School; Iris, Clermont Harbor; Sunflowers, Girl Scouts; Roses and Johnny Jump-Ups, Christ Church Parish school; Poppies, Legion Auxiliary; the Knights of Columbus float; Harold Saucier, Bond Bread; George Horton's truck; Villere's Boog-a-Lees; Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis and Waveland fire engines; Earl Ramond and Russell Elliott on the sound trucks; Bay High band; Bill Lizana on his beautiful Palomino as captain of the parade; Miss Betty Younger, co-captain; the Lion's Club which was responsible for the king's float; Scout and Legion color bearers and the Highway Patrol.

At ceremonies at the Courthouse, Mayor Warren J. Carver presented the keys to the City to the King, Henry Monti Jr., who in turn toasted her majesty,

Miss Mary Alice Heitzmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heitzmann Jr.

Following the parade, the king and his court, consisting of Fred deHann, Ronald Johnson, Tommy Karl, Ty Robin, Tommy Mills and Wayne Alliston, awaited the arrival of the queen and her maids, Misses Margaret Randolph, who wore an aqua, off-the-shoulder gown; Peggy Garcia, who wore a blue ballerina length gown made with a strapless bodice and stole covering the shoulders; Carol Ann Hobbs, who wore a pink bouffant gown with clusters of blue flowers in the skirt; Patricia Bennett, who was wearing an off-the-shoulder pink gown; Shelby Favre, wearing a yellow ballerina gown; and Geri Witter in a bouffant lavender gown. They all carried old-fashioned bouquets of spring flowers.

Miss Peggy Smith, Captain of the Court, wore a lime green evening gown with a full skirt and off-the-shoulder bodice.

The queen, who joined her king on the throne, which was placed

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**School children contribute to War
Victims in Belgium**

The children of Webb School have sent a neat sum of cash through their principal Miss M. H. Edwards to Belgium relief fund at New Orleans. The amount was realized through the efforts of teachers and pupils. Everyone contributed their mite, from a penny up, and the result was indeed a most agreeable surprise. Miss Edwards forwarded the total amount to Mrs. Denegre, in charge of the fund in New Orleans.

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Consultant de Belgizue
New Orleans- Nov. 16, 1914

Dear Miss Edwards,

I want to address my hearty thanks to you and the dear children whose generosity and kindness will help and save some of our poor homeless Belgians, widows, and orphans, for splendid contributions sent by them to relief work organized by Mrs. G. Denegre.

Accept assurance of my deepest appreciation, and believe me,
Very sincerely yours,
W.E.Walle

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December 2, 1916

Honor Roll - Webb School

1st Grade-

Leo Harris, Irving Higgins, Vera Schwall, Harold Seube, Oscar Boone, Ray Craft.

2nd Grade-

Ethel Farve, Mathilde Ladner, Marius Zeigler, Charles Fayard.

3rd Grade-

John Egloff, Arthur Tomasich, Harold Schwall.

4th Grade-

Eleonore Fayard, Mable Ladner.

5th Grade-

Mable Ladner, Joseph Farve, Matthew Kennedy, Pearl Strather.

1917

Notice To Public

Misses Edwards and Briggs announce opening of their Summer School on Monday June 4th in Central School Building. Terms as follows (including entire grade work) per month.

Primary grades	\$3.00
4th and 5th grades	\$5.00
6th and 7th grades	\$7.00
High school grades	\$10.00

Webb School Whisperings. 1917

Oh, yes, we're roing business at the same old stand. You haven't heard from us and possibly that's why the trustees haven't been to see us. But we're taking this means of lett-ing them and you know that we're right here doing our "bit."

The pupils of the Primer Class gave a very interesting Thanksgiving program Wednesday. Big fat turkeys strutted about among the patrons and friends of the Primer Class, bidding them "Welcome," on Wednesday, at 11 A. M. We were glad to see so many visitors and their faces showed that they enjoyed the program. Miss Hymel and her pupils deserve credit. We were especially glad to have Mr. French. This was his first visit, but we hope he'll come again. We enjoyed the talks made by him and Mr. Craft.

I know that no one had a happier Thanksgiving than we. May we tell you why? All week we were busy collecting for our usual Thanksgiving basket. Our teacher had given us permission to get up this Thanksgiv-ing basket for the family of a man who is unable to work. Then came the fun of doing our own buying, decorating our own basket and packing the things. But the best part of it was carrying it to the poor, sick man who has to stay in bed for many weeks and cannot work. Now, that is why our Thanksgiving was so happy. Our examinations are over and we are glad. Most of us passed.

Good-bye, until next week.

MATTIE HALE, 5th Grade.

BIG COUNTY FAIR FOR HANCOCK THIS YEAR OCTOBER 9 AND 10.

1917

Board of Directors of Hancock County
Announce Dates and the News --
Will Be Well Received.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS.
PREMIUM LIST PREPARED.

Catalogue Already in Hands of Local
Printer and Expected To Be Is-
sued from Press Shortly.

Hancock is to have a County Fair
this Fall!

The board of directors of the Han-
cock County Fair Association met in
regular session with the Board of Su-
pervisors on Thursday, August 7th,
and preparations were made and plans
set forth for a successful county fair
this Fall. The dates selected are Oc-
tober 9th and 10th.

A program committee, composed of
Joseph O. Maufrey, John Craft, Miss
Sallie Cirlot and Frank B. Pittman
were appointed.

This committee has gotten busy
and glad to report that the premium
list has been completed and handed
to the printer, The Sea Coast Echo,
and it is announced the work will
shortly be issued from press.

The committee expects to be able to
mail every resident in the county a co-
py of the premium list and it is ex-
pected the response will be a large
and creditable exhibit in every branch
at the fair.

Mr. Pittman, the new county agent,
and Miss Sallie Cirlot are actively in-
terested in the project and will give
any and all further information that
may be desired in the premises.

WEBB SCHOOL NOTES. 1917

Since you last heard from us we
have become an auxiliary of the Red
Cross, have a banner, have learned
to sew and boys and girls are learn-
ing to knit.

We are glad to have Ruby back.
Ruby says she doesn't know why she
has been absent so long.

Miss Hymal's room has enrolled a
new pupil—Billie Stone, of Toledo,
Ohio.

Billie is a dear little boy, just from
the Montessorri school.

After an English lesson we were
asked to name some one whom we
considered a gentleman and give our
reasons. This is Laura's: "I think
Mr. Talbert is a gentleman because
he is kind, polite, neat and is al-
ways busy. Mr. Talbert is a brave,
self-respecting man and respects oth-
ers." We wonder if Mr. Moreau
would publish al of our papers.

We will tell you next week who
won the prize in reading.

ONITA BERMOND,

Fifth Grade.

The Echo will gladly publish such
papers as the teachers might think
meritorious, provided, however, the
compositions do not take up too much
space.

Special School Subjects.

1917

Editor Sea Coast Echo:

Relative to the two new subjects for teachers' examinations which under the law go into effect in September, 1917, the State Superintendent has ruled that all first-grade teachers in the public school of the State for the scholastic year 1917-18 must hold licenses based upon the twelve subjects that have been heretofore given for this license and also the two new subjects, "Theory and Practice of Teaching" and "Elementary Algebra." The law provides that exempt teachers are not required to take an examination in these new subjects.

These two subjects will be given at the April examinations so that all applicants for first-grade licenses desiring to take an examination on them at that time may have an opportunity to do so.

Of course, teachers who are not prepared to take an examination at that time will have an opportunity to take them at the close of the summer normals and also in the county examination next September.

The examination in "Theory and Practice of Teaching" will be based on Kennedy's Fundamentals in Methods, published by McMillan Company, Atlanta, Ga. The examination in elementary algebra will be based upon Wentworth-Smith's School Algebra Book 1, published by Ginn & Co., Atlanta, Ga. Both of these books may be obtained from the Southern School Book Depository, at Jackson, Miss.

The examination for second grade license under the new law will cover the twelve subjects, which has formerly been given for the first grade license.

Respectfully,

JOHN CRAFT,

County Superintendent Ed

NEWS NOTES FROM R. W. WEBB SCHOOL

1917

The Willing Workers held their first public meeting of this session on Thursday, January 25th, at 3:45 p. m., with the following named officers: Pearl Strocher, president; Louis Sellers, vice president; Laura Schwall, secretary; Mabele Ladner, treasurer. Roll call was responded to by miscellaneous quotations, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

There were no reports from the committees in charge of the yard and rooms.

The program committee announced the program for the next two meetings, as follows: Subject for February 2nd:

"The Cultivation of Sugar, Cane and Sugar Beets," Esther Ladner.

"How Sugar Is Made," Oswald Favre. Recitation, Ruby Combel.

Program for February 9, to be furnished by pupils of Miss Briggs' room.

The treasurer's report read; Amount paid in dues, \$2.15. Amount spent for flower seed, 25c. Balance in the treasury, \$1.00.

Mrs. Keen was elected an honorary member.

The subject for the afternoon was Japan, and the program rendered as follows:

Club Song—"Somebody," by the Club.

Paper—Japan, Its People and Their Customs, Mattie Hale.

Reading from Fuzz in Japan; How Fuzz Learns, Bessie Sellers.

Paper, Japan, Its Products, Eléonore Fayard.

Song—Masa Chau of Japan, by the Club.

Piano Solo—Cowslip, Loyd Basford.

At the close of the program light refreshments were served.

The meeting adjourned to meet Friday, February 2nd.

LAURA SCHWALL, Sec'y

COST OF SCHOOLS TO TAX-PAYERS OF THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS

1917

SCHOOL FUND—1916-17.

Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1916,...	203 71
State distribution—Oct.,.....	1070 88
" " —Jan.,.....	2134 01
City taxes,.....	4196 41
Poll taxes,.....	635 86
Tuition paid by county pupils	75 33
Other tuition.....	15 00

\$ 8331 20

EXPENDITURES.

White teachers.....	5673 00
Colored teachers.....	1935 00
Sundries.....	913 00

8503 90

Overdrawn, 172 30

\$ 8331 79

APPROXIMATE COST PER PUPIL PER YEAR.

Miss Edwards' Room—Enrollment, 39; attendance, 19.6; per cent, 50; cost per pupil, \$29.79.

Miss Cazeneuve's Room—Enrollment, 38; attendance, 28; per cent, 76; cost per pupil, \$18.50.

Miss Gresham's Room—Enrollment, 51; attendance, 31.7; per cent, 62; cost per pupil, \$17.06.

Miss Briggs' Room—Enrollment, 60; attendance, 33.5; per cent, 55; cost per pupil, \$12.90.

Miss Attaway's Room—Enrollment, 44; attendance, 31.4; per cent, 71; cost \$11.10.

Miss Fayard's Room—Enrollment, 74; attendance, 42.2; per cent, 55; cost per pupil, \$10.00

Miss Sylvester's Room—Enrollment, 57; attendance, 38.8; per cent, 68; cost per pupil, \$9.50.

High School Dept., Messrs. Talbert,

HANCOCK TEACHERS TO CONVEENE IN BAY ST. LOUIS SEPTEMBER 29

(1918)

The teachers of the entire county will meet at the Court House, in this city, on Saturday, September 29 and it is to be hoped that every teacher in the county will be present on that day and help to make it a big rally day for our county. Not only teachers are urged to be present, but the public is cordially invited to attend as well. We can make meetings of this kind more interesting and more profitable by showing interest ourselves, and as the first meeting of the year will be held in our town, we should show our appreciation of this by coming out and being present on this occasion. It will show the teachers that we are interested in them and their work and thereby will be a means of encouraging them in the great work of which they are engaged. Everybody should turn out to meetings of this kind. Not only parents, pupils and trustees but business men as well. Of course no teachers can be expected to be absent because this is valuable part of their work and to this end we shall look forward to a splendid audience. No meeting can amount to much without the proper spirit, the proper motive and surely the teachers' meet embraces all of this and even more, and the question is, Will you help your bit to make it a success? This will be a very important assembly for the reason that it will be for the first time this year that the teachers will have a chance to meet with one another in a body of this kind and then again plans will be discussed for the ensuing year's work, and besides, the officers of the association will be elected to serve for the present school year. The teaching force is a great body of co-workers, working together, and it is thorough meetings of this kind that they can better co-operate together. The 29th will be "pay day" for nearly all the teachers and besides being able to attend the meeting they will also be able to get their pay for the first month work on the same day.

1. Does anyone want to take singing lessons? Just let them come over to our opening exercises some morning.
2. We were honored last week win a visit from Miss Bryan of Palmer Penman Ship School. She complimented us highly on our penmanship. We have been smiling since.
3. Everyone is buying thrift stamps.
4. Mr. Talbert is busy keeping us supplied with stamps. We'll be rich someday.
5. We will be glad to have our friends come out and support us on Arbor Day on January 25th.
6. Rev. H. C. Roberts visited us Thursday morning and talked to us. "Be strong," he said, "be strong in mind, body, and soul." We hope he will come again.

Mabel Ladner
5th Grade

BAY ST. LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES AND COMMENTS.

(1918)

The Senior entertainment for the benefit of the Junior Auxiliary was a success financially and otherwise. We are now able to buy material for a few more layettes, as we took in \$23.15.

Mrs. Mallard and Mrs. Jenks have donated material toward making other layettes, for which we are very grateful.

Elsie Day, one of our Juniors, has left. She is teaching at Dillville.

The Sophomore Class has also lost one of its members, Willie Walters, who is taking a course in wireless.

Miss Cazeneuve, in English class:—"Miss Wena Gex, read sentence and give its construction."

Wena—"And then recovering, she gently pressed HIS hand."

Miss Cazeneuve—"Why, Wena, it is HER hand in my book."

Question: Why can't Wena read straight sometime?

On Friday, April 26th, the Sophomores expect to have a penny party for the benefit of their Junior Auxiliary. This party will be very entertaining. We will also have delicious refreshments to sell. Be sure to come prepared to spend "a lot" with us. We promise to give you a good time.

Pupils of the grammar grades are busy preparing for the annual closing exercises which will take place next month.

ETHEL GEX, Class '18.

Central School Notes.

BY THE PUPILS. 1918

The nineteen seventeen-eighteen session of the Bay High School started on Monday, September third, with a very large attendance.

It was one of the most interesting opening exercises that we have ever had. Besides many of our parents, all of our trustees were present. Messrs. Howe, Kergosien, Gex, von E布伦, Clifford and Whitfield made very interesting talks.

The Seniors have organized their class, electing Miss Ella Fayard, president, Miss Wena Gex, secretary and treasurer and Miss Louise Mallard, artist. The other classes have not organized yet, but probably will next week.

The High school department welcomes a new teacher, Miss G. Cazeneuve. We all like her lots, too, but don't tell her.

Do you remember when you were a Freshman, how you felt? Well there are twelve people up here, feeling just that way. (Poor little things) It's so hard to remember, that one bell does not mean to jump up and race into the English room. But never mind they learn—some day, maybe.

There are two new teachers in the Grammar grades, Miss Boyer and Miss Smith.

PICTURE SHOWS IN HANCOCK SCHOOLS IS BIG INNOVATION.

1919

Interesting Work Carried on by the
Home Demonstrating Agent,
Miss Sallie Cirlot, and

BY THE COUNTY-AGENT, FRANK
B. PITTMANN.

Series of Agricultural and Educational
Picture Shows at the Various
County Schools.

A series of agricultural and educational picture shows have been given in Hancock county at the various schools. These have been well attended and a great deal of enthusiasm has been displayed. This is a healthy manifestation and speaks well for the pupils.

The pictures on school consolidation met with approval everywhere. The various consolidated schools in the county that are trying to affiliate themselves for the Federal appropriation took special interest in the model plans of school consolidation, showing the playgrounds, teachers' homes, school gardens, the orchard, poultry yard, piggery and dairy barn. Several pictures were shown of the advancement of the consolidated schools of the county.

Every school in Hancock County is given the privilege of one of these shows, as they are given free, and everyone is taking advantage of them.

The pictures of live stock, cattle, horses, sheep and hogs were thoroughly appreciated by everyone. Great interest was displayed in that line, and proved encouraging to those in charge.

All the pictures shown of the various work of County Agent Frank B. Pittmann and County Demonstra-

tion Agent Sallie Cirlot gave the people a broader vision of the work and the different phases of the educational, agricultural and constructive work which they have been doing over Hancock county and for Hancock county people.

1919

Pupils of the Webb School will give a May Day Festival on next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, on the school house grounds, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The program will include a May-pole dance. Miss Edwards, assisted by Miss Briggs, has been working indefatigably during recess hours training the boys and girls who will participate in the exercises, and the affair promises well. Your presence will add to the success of the afternoon. No admission price, however, there will be a small charge for refreshments, benefit piano fund.

R. W. WEBB SCHOOL ELATED OVER WINNING CUP.

1919

Edwin Marquez in Field Day Meet
Scores With 100 Per Cent Paper.
Easter Egg Hunt Next Friday.

The pupils, teachers and patrons feel very much elated over the fact of having won the beautiful loving cup awarded by the Merchants Bank and Trust Co. to the grammar school winning the most points in the annual county field meet. We hope to do better work in the future and win it again in the next two meets, thereby keeping it in our school.

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Edwin Marquez, of the fourth grade, was one of the two pupils in the county to hand in a perfect paper. He made 100 in the arithmetic test.

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On next Friday afternoon, at 3:15, the Webb P. T. A. will give an Easter egg hunt on Mrs. K. W. Pepperdine's lawn. A prize will be given the child finding the most eggs. Admission, ten cents.

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R. W. Webb P. T. A. is planning to be well represented at the county convention to be held at Kiln on March 28, 1925.

6/11/2006

Webb School students



This is a photo circa 1930 of the Webb School class of Miss Ethel Sylvester, back, provided by Mrs. Carrie Asher Roque of Bay St. Louis.

Students in photo are, top row from left, Bonnie Crutfield, unknown, unknown, Catherine Johnson, Ruby Latoe, Gerry Johnson, Mamie Favre, Carrie Asher, Vera Wakley, unknown, and Dorothy Spence; middle row, Jr. Shubert and J.C. Asher; bottom row, Donald Everette, Coben Favre, Melvin Carver, Bruce Crutfield, T. J. Crutfield, unknown, and unknown.

The Webb School was located at the corner of Third and Citizen streets in Bay St. Louis with grades one through three. Miss Stockstill left her teachers

position and married Johnny Zingerling, and she died a few years later, Mrs. Roque reports. Mrs. Bernice Ladner, 1075 Blue Meadow Road, Bay St. Louis, who taught at Webb School

1954-60 is in the process of writing a history of the school and is seeking photos, newspaper clippings, relics, teachers' names, etc.

She is receiving assistance

from the Hancock County Historical Society at the Kate Labrano House, 108 Cue Street, Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Roque provided this class photo for the project.



Old Spanish Trail Service

Mrs. Carrie Asher Roque of Bay St. Louis, stands by a gas pump at her father's service station and grocery located on the Old Spanish Trail, five miles west of Bay St. Louis. She was 16 when this photo was taken in 1938. Gas was selling at 26-9/10 cents a gallon, while kerosene (cold oil) was at 15 cents a gallon. Mrs. Roque's father, Joe Asher, had a service station and grocery originally located on the Old Gainesville Road and moved to the Old Spanish Trail when it was paved, she reports. Mrs. Roque attended Webb, Bay High and Lakeshore schools. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Carrie Asher Roque.) The Echo welcomes photos older than 25 years for publication. They will be returned to their owners.





"Ten little Indians" on the Float in the 50s.





Webb School Halloween

Webb School students of Mrs. Bernice Ladner, circa 1955, participate in a Halloween party. Photo and identification submitted to Mrs. Ladner by Edward Carver. Mrs. Ladner is in the process of doing a history of the old R.W. Webb School which was closed in 1960 when students were moved to S.J. Ingram on Ulman Avenue across the street from old Bay High. Those in photo are, from left, Edward Carver, Irma Garcia, Nolan Strong, J.C. Page, Michael Shiyou, Larry Favre, Tommy Fletcher, Jerry Carver, Dolphus Shiyou, Judy Fletcher and Shirley Kenmore. Mrs. Ladner is seeking photos, newspaper clippings, relics, teachers' names, etc., on the Webb School. She can be contacted at 1075 Blue Meadow Road, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. She is also receiving assistance from the Hancock County Historical Society, the Kate Labrano House, 108 Cue Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, or call 467-4090.

"BEAUTIFUL BAY ST. LOUIS."

From The Mississippian, August, 1919.

Formerly known as the town of Shieldsboro, this lovely little city, being only 51 miles from New Orleans, is the favorite summer resort for the wealthiest and most aristocratic inhabitants of the great Southern metropolis.

We could well compare this Eden of health and picturesqueness to a richly-colored flower, spreading glowing petals North, South, East and West. When sunshine bathes it in splendor or storm's fierce swirl drops its smoked silver veil, it claims the undisputable right to be called "Beautiful Bay St. Louis."

The beach, gilded by nature and embellished by man, extending upward three miles or more from the center of the Bay, winds gracefully into a verdurous point adorned by cedars; running downward from the center four miles terminates at the traditional Jackson House, where tall grasses pierce the earth with emerald blades and radiance flings through aged trees, with heavily-leafed nodding gaily turbaned heads over crumbling banks.

Seven miles in length, this driveway, with its grand sea view, its glistening beach, with richly-colored ribboned edge, lending effulgence to its snowy surface, its magnificent and ideal summer residences imbedded in gardens, where various blossoms peep from foliage or lean carressing about columns supported arched roofs and springing wreaths of vines past lustre over wide wide lawns, is the most delightful along the Coast.

When twilight lends mystic light it presents a gala sight; fine turnouts bearing animated youth and beauty, children building houses of sand or chasing the last sunbeam of the dying day, skiffs with dainty occupants gliding over the waves, boats with spreading wings sailing to and from, gay songs of fishermen chiming in the swift gush, lip-lapping, of the billowy sea; bachelors in blue and hite costumes, combined to render it alluringly attractive. At night when the moon's resplendence throws silvery pathways leading athwart the rippling waters to the horizon piled with fleecy hills, holding blooms of light about misty valleys that circle the rogent of night, while in reflection glow a million torches spring from vales mid sapphire glow, it is Venice.

Awake at dawn and view the birth of day, unfolding the first glance of old Sol. Watch his eyes shoot forth billions of golden gleams, that sweep along in thread lines of pale amber over the meadows and woodlands, that stud every hill, valley and glen, with gems of brilliant hue, and a world of beauty lies before us.

Union street, one of the principal thoroughfares, leads directly from the beach, commonly termed Front street, to the depot of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The station is large and airy and looks out upon a broad stretch of woodland fragrant with the breath of pine, sloping lanes, canopied here and there by locust trees dropping sweet scented blossoms and houses resting in rustic bowers.

Bay St. Louis was entered by Iber-

ville and its banks settled upon by a French colony nearly 200 years ago. The explorers found a beautiful sheet of water, two miles wide at its mouth, and expanding as it stretched toward the interior, between its forest clad borders. It receives the tributary waters of three streams, the Boisdore, Portage and Wolfe rivers of our day, and the Jourdan river on the westward side. It is said by old residents of Bay St. Louis that pirate Lafitte used to hide his treasure in Wolfe river. Many times the banks of the stream have been dug up at such places as the dreams of the diggers would indicate, and even at this decent date one can find earth newly turned on the banks of the river Wolfe.

The town of Bay St. Louis is situated on a comparatively elevated plateau of an area of approximately 30 square miles that juts out as a peninsular into the western side of Bay St. Louis. It is separated from the mainland on the north by the Jourdan river, washed on the south by the waters of the Mississippi Sound, and fronts eastward on Bay St. Louis. The land of this peninsular is from ten to twenty feet above sea level. As far back as tradition goes this immediate section was used by the Choctaws, Chickasaws, Alabamans and other Indian tribes as a health resort, and it was even visited by the remote Natchez tribe. It is now and has been for a number of years the favorite resort for New Orleans people, for it is only fifty-one miles from New Orleans. All during the summer months regattas are held at Bay St. Louis and yachts sail from New Orleans, Mobile and Pensacola to participate in them. There are good hotels at Bay St. Louis, and some of the finest fishing on the Gulf coast can be found at the mouths of the Jourdan and Wolfe rivers.

BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS., has a population of about 5,000. Bonds had just been issued to the amount of \$50,000.00 for the improvement of all streets, particularly the driveway along the Bay shore. The same amount of bonds have also been issued by the county for the improvement of the public roads and highways throughout the county. Bay St. Louis owns a handsome city hall, a two-story brick structure. The town is five miles in length, by two miles in width.

The waters of the St. Roch Mineral Springs are famous for the cure of stomach, bladder and kidney troubles. They have been analyzed by noted chemists, and found to contain the necessary minerals for the cure of these troubles. These springs are located on the outskirts of Bay St. Louis. The waters being shipped throughout the United States, and even into Canada.

There is a movement on foot for the building of an automobile roadway between New Orleans and Bay St. Louis. The road is already constructed as far as Pearlington from the Bay, and as far as Chef Menteur from New Orleans, with a ferry at the Rigolets, this highway would be in great demand.

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